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## Students, Faculty, Staff Gear Up for New Semester

The end of August marked the start of the 2005-2006 academic year at Plattsburgh State. With John Ettling starting his second year as president, SUNY Plattsburgh geared up for the fall semester with several opening weekend activities.

Ettling welcomed faculty and staff back for the new semester during the annual President's Welcome in the E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium on Friday morning, Aug. 26.

He told the more than 200 faculty and staff in attendance that he was impressed with the enrollment numbers for the fall semester.

"This has been a campus-wide effort," said Ettling. "Confidence and optimism are contagious."

New members of the campus community were introduced. Dr. David Franzi was also recognized for his appointment as SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professor of Earth and Environmental Science.

Dr. Mohammed Djerdjouri, professor of management and international business, Dr. Dexter L. Criss, assistant professor of chemistry, Dr. Michael Morales, assistant professor of psychology, Dr. James Lindgren, professor of history, and Terrence Myers, Jr., staff associate of computing and media



**Dr. John Ettling welcomes faculty and staff back for the new semester during the annual President's Welcome.**

services, were recognized as the recipients of Chancellor's Awards.

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## Four Receive Promotions to Full Professor

Four faculty members at SUNY Plattsburgh have received promotions to full professor, and 12 others have received promotions to associate professor.

Receiving promotions to professor are: Dr. Rodney Cavanaugh, special

education; Dr. Robert Christopherson, economics and finance; Dr. William Kelting, accounting; and Dr. Mary Roden-Tice, earth and environmental science.

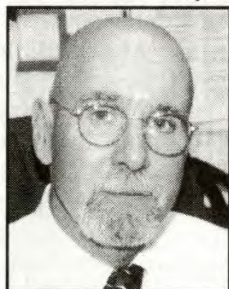
**Cavanaugh** joined the faculty as an assistant professor in 1992. He was

promoted to associate professor in 1996. Prior to coming to Plattsburgh, Cavanaugh taught at Lincoln High School in Gahanna, Ohio.

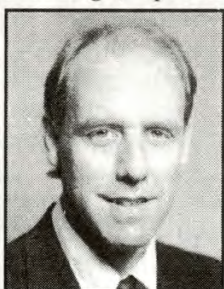
Cavanaugh received his undergraduate degree in 1974 from Bowling Green State University in Ohio. He completed his master's in 1988 and received his doctorate in 1992 from The Ohio State University.

He was named the New York State Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education in 1995.

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**Cavanaugh**



**Christopherson**



**Kelting**



**Roden-Tice**

# Welcome New and Returning Students



# Foundation Announces New Board Members and Officers



At its recent annual meeting (Aug. 18), the Plattsburgh College Foundation announced its new Board of Directors and Officers. This year's board is comprised of both new and returning members.

Trent L. Trahan, a 1970 alumnus of SUNY Plattsburgh and president of Champlain Telephone Company and PrimeLink, will commence the

last year of his three-year term as Foundation President.

Mark J. Rogers, a 1972 SUNY Plattsburgh graduate and partner in the law firm of Lewis, Rogers and Meconi in Plattsburgh, has been named the First Vice President; Robert C. Smith, owner of Nine Platt Hospitality Group in Plattsburgh, will serve as the Second Vice President; Robert Vincent, managing director of Wyeth Pharmaceuticals in Rouses Point, has been named Secretary; and Daniel J. Burke, a 1974 SUNY Plattsburgh graduate and president and chief executive officer of TD Banknorth in Queensbury, N.Y., is the new Treasurer.

The Foundation's Board of Directors are (\* indicates new member):

- Dr. Clayton A. Ajello '72, founder of Accelera Corporation, Baltimore, Md.;
- Edward R. Brohel, director of the Plattsburgh State Art Museum;
- Michael S. Cashman '03, president of the SUNY Plattsburgh Student Association;
- Mary A. Castro '78 \*, project coordinator with Pfizer, Inc., San Diego, Calif.;
- Dr. Nancy Church \*, distinguished service professor and chair of marketing and entrepreneurship at SUNY Plattsburgh;
- Paul W. Connelly, vice president and branch manager of HSBC, Plattsburgh;
- C. Thomas "Chip" Cummings '56 \*, retired high school administrator and New York State aide consultant, Putnam Station, N.Y.;
- Shirley Della Vecchia '64 \*, secretary and treasurer of Michael Della Vecchia & Son, Bayside, N.Y.;

- Joseph E. DeSalvo '89, Middleburg, Fla.;
- Dr. John Ettling, president of SUNY Plattsburgh;
- Cecily S. Feldman \*, retired executive director of the North Country Center for Independence, currently living in Waltham, Mass. and Highland Beach, Fla.;
- Neil Fesette\*, owner and broker of Fesette Realty, Plattsburgh;
- Michael P. Freed '79 \*, chief financial officer of Spectrum Health, Grand Rapids, Mich.;
- Randall G. Giltz '87 \*, vice president of marketing for Northern Insuring Agency, Plattsburgh;
- Carol A. Long '79 \*, vice president for national sales with Coca-Cola, Frisco, Texas;
- Dr. David Mowry\*, distinguished teaching professor of philosophy and director of the Honors Program at SUNY Plattsburgh;
- Kurt Mowry\*, president of Lockrow's, Inc., Plattsburgh;
- Gordon D. Muir \*, associate library at SUNY Plattsburgh;
- Henry W. Parnass, retired president/chief executive of the Newton Falls Paper Mill, Saranac Lake;
- Joseph L. Peterson '87 \*, managing partner at UHY Advisors, Washington, D.C.;
- Pearl M. Rabin, philanthropist, Plattsburgh;
- Dr. James Randall '78 \*, chief operating officer of Randall Realty, Cary, N.C.;
- Daniel J. Scavino '98 \*, general manager of Trump Golf Clubs, Hopewell Junction, N.Y.;
- Dr. Richard Semmler '68 \*, mathematics department chair and associate professor at Northern Virginia Community College, Annandale, Va.;
- Robert A. Stagno '81 \*, general manager for relationship marketing at Microsoft, Redmond, Wash.

Honorary directors are Olive Flynt '41, Plattsburgh; Roger Forrence, Peru, N.Y.; Donald Garrant '57 G'59, Plattsburgh; and Harry Mowry, Allison Park, Pa.

The executive director of the Foundation is Nancy Dailey, vice president of institutional advancement at the College.

Dailey began her tenure as vice president at SUNY Plattsburgh in October 2004. The College is gearing up for its first comprehensive capital campaign with a goal of \$15 million.

## Promotions (Continued from Page 1)

**Christopherson** joined the SUNY Plattsburgh faculty in 1990 as an assistant professor. He became an associate professor and chair of the Department of Economics in 2000.

Prior to coming to Plattsburgh State, Christopherson was an assistant professor at Western Michigan University.

Christopherson received a bachelor's in psychology and economics in 1980 from Central Michigan University where he also received his master's in economics in 1981. He received his doctorate in 1990 from Wayne State University in Michigan.

**Kelting** became an assistant professor of economics at SUNY Plattsburgh in 1975 and was promoted to associate professor in 1991.

Prior to his academic career,

Kelting was a certified public accountant and practiced in that profession from 1965 to 1975.

He received his A.B. from Washington and Lee University in 1958 and his M.B.A. from Rutgers University in 1965.

**Roden-Tice** began her teaching career at SUNY Plattsburgh as an associate professor in 1994. Prior to coming to Plattsburgh, Roden-Tice was a visiting assistant professor at SUNY Albany. She has also taught at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Union College in Schenectady, N.Y. and Schenectady County Community College.

She earned her bachelor's from Hamilton College in Clinton, N.Y. in 1974. She received her master's from Kansas State University and a doctor-

ate from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

**Twelve faculty members** have received promotions to associate professor: Elie Chrysostome, management and international business; Dr. Greg Gregoriou, economics and finance; Dr. Stephen Saiz, counselor education; Dr. Amy Mountcastle, anthropology; Karen Blough, art history; Dr. Neil Buckley, biology; Timothy Clukey, communication; Dr. Dexter Criss, chemistry; Dr. Wendy Gordon, history; Dr. Michael Morales, psychology; Dr. Elaine Ostry, English; and Dr. Edwin Romanowicz, earth and environmental science.

One other faculty member has received a continuing appointment: Dr. Marilyn Nelson, childhood education.



# Matthews Named Dean of Students

Stephen Matthews, currently the assistant vice president for student affairs, has been named the Dean of Students.

Matthews received his undergraduate (1990) and master's (1995) degrees from SUNY Plattsburgh. Following his graduate work, Matthews joined the SUNY Plattsburgh staff as the Assistant Coordinator of Judicial Affairs and then moved on to the coordinator's position. For the past six years, Matthews has also served as Coordinator of the Orientation Program at the College.

"I'm honored to be named Dean of Students," said Matthews. "I really enjoy working with students and have a lot of respect for this institution. As the dean, I will be available to students and will be a familiar face. In my role as judicial



**Matthews**

filling the position of Interim Vice President for Student Affairs. Matthews will also be in the classroom this fall teaching English 101.

"Teaching allows me to see students, and the students to see me, on a different level," said Matthews, who is also

coordinator, I have a reputation of being fair and straight forward, which has allowed me to be successful in dealing with students."

Matthews takes over the Dean of Students role from William Laundry, who is

the advisor for the Student Association Executive Board and the president of the SUNY Judicial Affairs (SUNYJA) organization. "The Dean of Students position is not a nine-to-five job. I'll be available nights, weekends, anytime I need to be here to assist students."

Laundry said that Matthews will bring a good level of experience to the position.

"Steve has been an active part of the campus community. Even as a graduate student, he served as a residence hall director," said Laundry. "He has experience as a student of SUNY Plattsburgh and has served the College well in the judicial affairs office. I'm looking forward to working with him as he embarks on this new chapter in his Plattsburgh State career."

## Renovations to Macdonough Completed

The renovation of Macdonough Residence Hall has been completed. New student rooms and a state-of-the-art computer lab are just a couple of changes that were made to one of the oldest buildings on campus.

"We are very pleased with the renovation of Macdonough Hall," said President John Ettling. "It's absolutely beautiful, inside and out. I'm sure both new and returning students will enjoy this new environment."

The renovation of Macdonough began in May 2004 and was recently completed on schedule, ready for its new occupants.

"We've updated everything," said Cathy Moulton, director of housing. "This was also an opportunity to add some things we thought were missing. The building now has more living space."

The projected cost of renovating Macdonough was \$14 million. Funds for the project came from a 30-year bond, according to Stanley Supinski, director of facilities.

"This was a total gut and rehab project. We replaced the heating and water systems -- everything that is in there was replaced," said Supinski, who worked on the renovation plans with the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY).

DASNY facilitates construction and renovation projects of residence halls at public schools throughout New York State.

Moulton said several meetings took place with students regarding the plans for Macdonough prior to the renovation.

"Students had a lot of say as to what the new rooms look like. Basically everything was upgraded," said Moulton.

Prior to its renovation, Macdonough Hall had 23 single-occupancy and 218 double-occupancy beds. Single-occupancy space was increased and rooms were added on the lower level making the new total occupancy 306. A central laundry area, computer lab, academic research center and study lounges were also added during the renovation and residents gained a new entrance on the side of the building.

Perhaps one of the most dramatic changes was to the inside of the front entrance and the main lounge area. The renovation opened up the space and increased natural light by replacing some of the walls with new windows.



## Mark Barie Recipient of Adjunct Faculty Award



**Barie**

The Teaching Excellence Award for Adjunct Faculty was awarded to Mark Barie during the annual President's Welcome on Friday, Aug. 26.

Many people on and off campus know Barie as founder and president of CrossBorder Development Corporation in Rouses Point and host of "Mountain Lake Journal", which airs weekly on Mountain Lake PBS-TV.

Barie, a 1975 graduate of Plattsburgh State, has taught a number of classes at SUNY Plattsburgh since 2001. He has a

master's from St. Michael's College in Vermont and received a graduate certificate in advanced management from McGill College in Montreal.

As an adjunct faculty member, Barie has taught "Marketing for Non-Profits," "Canadian-U.S. Business," "Human Resource Management" and "Public Relations."

He has continued his association with the College for the past 30 years and is currently a member of the Plattsburgh College Foundation Real Estate Board, member of the Capital Campaign Central Steering Committee and Chair of the Clinton County Campaign Committee.

Barie is married to Christine Racine, a 1979 Plattsburgh State graduate.



## Several Offices Have Moved, Changed Names

Several offices are unpacking boxes and getting use to different environments after moving into their new locations this summer.

Perhaps the biggest change is within Campus Life, which will no longer be referred to as Campus Life. Housing and Residence Life is now calling 103 Algonquin home. Bryan Hartman, director of residence life, and Cathy Moulton, director of housing, head up that staff.

Student Activities is still located in the Angell College Center, which includes Angell College Center room reservations. The office of Student Activities and College Center is located in 106 Angell.

Fraternity and Sorority Life (formerly known as Greek Affairs) and Leadership Development are still located on the second floor of the Angell College Center. The Center for Service Learning and Volunteerism is also still located on the first floor of Angell.

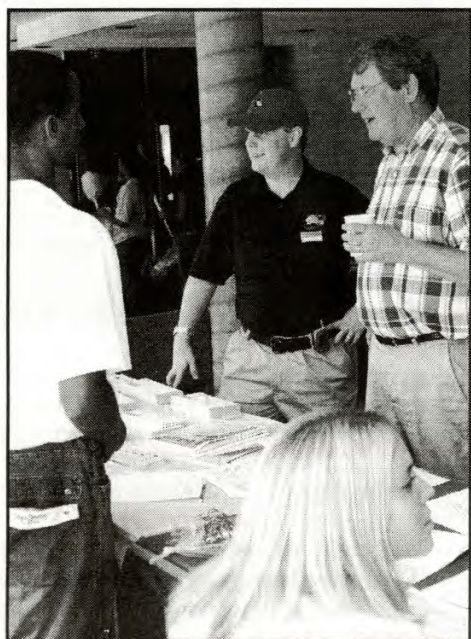
The Educational Opportunity Program office has moved into those offices on the first floor of Angell previously occupied by Campus Life.

Changes are also taking place in Ward and Hawkins Halls. The Southern Cone Program office has moved from its former location in Hawkins to the second floor of Ward Hall. The Institute for Ethics in Public Life will be moving to the offices vacated by the Southern Cone Program.

Members of Institutional Advancement are moving into the space left by Dr. Thomas Moran, director of the Ethics Institute, and the office spaces of the institute fellows. Offices for Institutional Advancement employees have also been created in the former Alumni Conference Room in Hawkins Hall. The Plattsburgh Room in the Angell College Center will now be called the Plattsburgh Alumni Conference Room.

The phon-a-thon room, which had been located on the second floor of Hawkins, has been moved to the basement of Hawkins and shares the Faculty Emeriti Conference Room (025). The room will be available for faculty emeriti to use from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. during weekdays. Staffs needing a conference room in Hawkins Hall can reserve the room for use before 11 a.m. or after 2 p.m. each day. Room reservations for the lounge can be made through Julie Collins at 564-3824.

### Opening Weekend (Continued from Page 1)



**College President John Ettling joined Student Association President Michael Cashman in visiting the residence halls as students moved in Saturday, Aug. 27.**

Dr. Jeanne Ryan, professor and chair of the psychology department, and Dr. George Flynn, professor of mathematics and physics were recognized as SUNY-wide recipients of the Chancellor's Research Recognition Awards.

Thomas Moffett, lecturer in chemistry since 2000, received the Distinguished Faculty Award from the

Plattsburgh Chapter of Phi Eta Sigma National Freshman Honor Society. This award, which is decided upon by a vote of the students inducted in the fall and spring semesters of the previous academic year, is unique. It is an opportunity for students to recognize a faculty member who has made especially noteworthy and supportive contributions to the students' first years of study at SUNY Plattsburgh.

Mark Barie was also given the Teaching Excellence Award for Adjunct Faculty. (See page 3.)

On Saturday, Aug. 27, the sidewalks along Rugar Street were crammed with boxes, televisions, refrigerators and that favorite blanket from home as new and returning students moved into the residence halls.

The Welcome and Matriculation Ceremony was held on Saturday at 7 p.m. in the Warren Ballrooms, Angell College Center. Ettling welcomed freshmen and transfer students during the ceremony.

Later Saturday night, Dr. Elizabeth Bernat, assistant professor in the Department of Communication, addressed students in "Living College as Emeril

Lagasse (BAM!): Kickin' It Up a Notch!"

Also on Saturday night, hypnotist Chuck Milligan performed in the Warren Ballrooms.

Following that performance, an outdoor screening in the Angell College Center Courtyard of "Herbie Fully Loaded," sponsored by PSU Late Night.

On Sunday afternoon, Aug. 28, sororities and fraternities in conjunction with Sodexo Campus Services hosted an all-campus barbeque in the Angell College Center Courtyard.

The picnic provided a great opportunity for students to enjoy some good food, have some fun and meet new friends. Classes began the next day, Monday, at 8 a.m.



**Students gathered at the all-campus picnic Sunday afternoon, which was sponsored by the fraternities, sororities and Sodexo Campus Services.**



## Web Visibility Project Receives Walker Fellowship

Three professors of Communication have received a \$4,000 Walker Fellowship grant to continue and expand their Community Web Visibility research project.

Dr. Jonathan Slater, Dr. Elizabeth Bernat and Timothy Clukey have been conducting Web visibility studies on communities in the North Country since 2000. And thanks to the new fellowship, the group will expand its research of Northern New York Websites in the study, "Engaging Citizenship in the Adirondack North Country: A Study of Government Visibility."

The project will involve a systematic, comprehensive search for local community government Websites. Slater, Bernat and Clukey will then survey local governments about current or proposed Websites.

Once the online and survey data are collected and analyzed, follow-up telephone calls will be made with a select sample of local officials to discuss the real or perceived obstacles that are keeping communities from sponsoring and/or enhancing their local government Websites.

With a composite portrait of e-government resources in the Adirondack region, the project team will use the findings to compile a set of recommendations to interested community leaders about the means by which they can promote their local communities via the Web.

The Community Web Visibility project team has also made several presentations about their on-going Web visibility research.

In April, the group presented, "Increase Tourism in Seven Easy Cyber-Steps," at the second annual Conference on Sustainable Tourism in Lake Placid, N.Y.

They also presented, "What the World Wide Web is Telling us About the Adirondack-North Country," at the 12th Annual Conference of the Adirondack Research Consortium, also in Lake Placid, in May.

Also during this conference, the group led a poster session, "Bridging media and economic landscapes in the Adirondack-North Country: A five-year outlook on the Community Web Visibility project."

## Spotlight

on faculty and staff

**Dr. Karen Blough**, associate professor of art history, presented papers at two conferences during the spring 2005 semester. On Feb. 18, she spoke on "The Role of the Royal Abbess in Ottonian Germany: An Assessment of the Visual Evidence" at the 14th Annual Medieval, Renaissance, and Baroque Interdisciplinary Symposium sponsored by the University of Miami, Miami, Fla., and on May 7 on "Abbatial Effigies and Rituals of Commemoration: The Tomb-Slabs from Medieval Quedlinburg" at the 40th Annual International Conference on Medieval Studies held at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo. In addition, she pub-

lished, "The Princess-abbesses of Essen and the Golden Virgin" in *De Re Metallica (The Uses of Metal in the Middle Ages)*. Edited by Robert Bork, this volume is the fourth in the AVISTA Studies in the History of Medieval Technology, Science, and Art, and is published by Ashgate Publishing.

**Dr. Mohammed Djerdjouri**, professor in the Department of Management and International Business, has recently published a paper entitled: "Assessing and Benchmarking Maintenance Performance in a Manufacturing Facility: A Data Envelopment Analysis Approach", *Journal of Information Systems and Operational Research*. (May 2005)

**Dr. Evelyn Hausen-Tropper**, visiting associate professor of computer science, gave the presentation, "Degrees of Machine Learning Characterized by a Metric Space," at the 2005 International Conference on Machine Learning, Models, Technologies and Applications in June in Las Vegas, Nev.

**Mark Holden**, adjunct lecturer

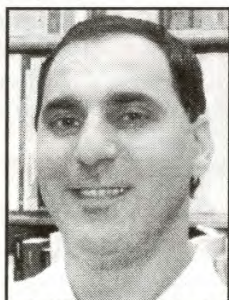
in English, has won his second first-place literary award in 2005. His essay, "Red Queen," won the Lamar York Nonfiction Award from the *Chattahoochee Review*. The award is \$1,000 and publication in a forthcoming issue. Holden's award-winning short story, "Go Ride the Train," will appear in the *North American Review*.

**James M. Lindgren**, professor of history, published his essay "The Blow Which Civilization Has Suffered: American Preservationists and the Great War, 1914-1919," in the University of California journal, *The Public Historian* (Summer 2005).

**Peter Luguri**, assistant vice president for Student Affairs and director of First-Year Programs and Retention Efforts, was a co-presenter at the 2005 New York State School Boards Association Board Officers Academy. The presentation was on, "Engaging the Community Using Focus Groups." Luguri is currently serving his fourth term as president of the Plattsburgh City School District Board of Education.



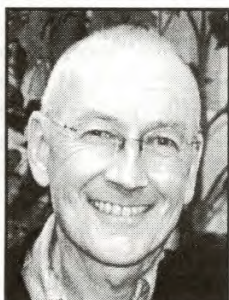
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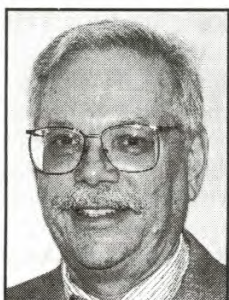
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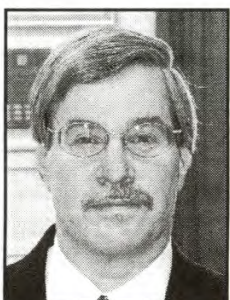
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# FOCUS Calendar

Friday, Sept. 2 - Tuesday, Sept. 21

For information on weekly meetings and other upcoming events, check the Plattsburgh State Web Calendar at: <http://banweb.cc.plattsburgh.edu/banprd/plsql/events.calendar>

## FRIDAY, SEPT. 2

**4 p.m.** Biological Sciences Department Open House for the new DNA Sequencing system and computer lab. Beaumont Hall Room 302.

## SATURDAY, SEPT. 3

**9 a.m.** Fraternity/Sorority Training Day, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center.

**10 p.m.** Sci-Fi Movie, sponsored by PSU Late Night. Angell College Center Alumni Conference Room.

**10 p.m.** Greg Douglass-Singer, sponsored by PSU Late Night. Angell College Center Flynt Commons.

## SUNDAY, SEPT. 4

**11 a.m.** Annual Service Corps Kick-Off, sponsored by Plattsburgh Student Service Corps. Angell College Center Alumni Conference Room.

**1 p.m.** Fraternity/Sorority Strategic Vision Meeting, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

## MONDAY, SEPT. 5

**10 p.m.** SA Executive Council Meeting, sponsored by SA Executive Council. Angell College Center Alumni Conference Room.

## TUESDAY, SEPT. 6

**12 p.m.** "To Achieve Tomorrow, You Must Lead Today", sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Amnesty Room.

**12:30 p.m.** Learning to Learn Workshop, sponsored by Learning Center. Angell College Center

Alumni Conference Room.

**1:30 p.m.** Weekly Parking Appeals Meeting, sponsored by University Police. Angell College Center Meeting Rooms 5, 6.

## WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 7

**8 a.m.** Study Abroad Fair, sponsored by Study Abroad and Exchanges. Angell College Center Lobby.

**10 p.m.** SA Senate Meetings, sponsored by SA Senate. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

## THURSDAY, SEPT. 8

**12:15 p.m.** Fraternity/Sorority Presidents' & Advisors Council, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Alumni Conference Room.

**12:30 p.m.** ACB Meetings, sponsored by SA Activities Coordination Board. Angell College Center Amnesty Room.

**8 p.m.** Baltimore Consort, Concert sponsored by Hill & Hollow Music and SUNY Plattsburgh Music Dept. Tickets available at the Angell College Center Desk only for SUNY Plattsburgh Students \$2. All other tickets available at the door for general \$12 & seniors \$10. Discount if you have a Battle of Plattsburgh button. Hartman Theater, Myers Fine Arts.

## FRIDAY, SEPT. 9

**3 p.m.** Dance Workshop, Co-sponsor Hill & Hollow Music. Traditional English Dance workshop. Studio Theatre, Myers Fine Arts Building.

## SATURDAY, SEPT. 10

**10 p.m.** Boxing, Sumo and

Twister, sponsored by PSU Late Night. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

## MONDAY, SEPT. 12

**7 p.m.** Greek Future Leaders Seminar, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Alumni Conference Room.

**10 p.m.** SA Executive Council Meeting, sponsored by SA Executive Council. Angell College Center Alumni Conference Room.

## TUESDAY, SEPT. 13

**12:15 p.m.** Fraternity/Sorority New Member Workshop, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Amnesty Room.

**12:30 p.m.** Learning to Learn Workshop, sponsored by Learning Center. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

**1:30 p.m.** Weekly Parking Appeals Meeting, sponsored by University Police. Angell College Center Meeting Rooms 5, 6.

**4:30 p.m.** Faculty Senate Monthly Meeting, sponsored by Faculty Senate. Angell College Center Alumni Conference Room.

**7 p.m.** Freshmen Emerging Leaders Seminar, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

## WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 14

**10 p.m.** S.A. Senate Meetings, sponsored by SA Senate. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

## THURSDAY, SEPT. 15

**12 p.m.** "How to Run a Successful Meeting", spon-

sored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Meeting Room 1.

**12:30 p.m.** ACB Meetings, sponsored by SA Activities Coordination Board. Angell College Center Amnesty Room.

## FAMILY WEEKEND

### FRIDAY, SEPT. 16

**7 p.m.** We Can Make You Laugh Comedy Show, sponsored by Campus Life Office. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

**8 p.m.** Theatre Sports, Improv theatre competitions. Tickets available at the door and at the Angell College Center Desk. \$3 general & \$2 students. Hartman Theater, Myers Fine Arts.

### SATURDAY, SEPT. 17

**1 p.m.** SA Club Recruitment Fair, sponsored by Student Association. Angell College Center Amite Plaza.

**8 p.m.** Comedian Alonzo Bodden, sponsored by Campus Life Office. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

**8 p.m.** Theatre Sports, Improv theatre competitions. Tickets available at the door and at the Angell College Center Desk. \$3 general & \$2 students. Hartman Theater, Myers Fine Arts.

**10 p.m.** BINGO, sponsored by PSU Late Night. Angell College Center Flynt Commons.

### MONDAY, SEPT. 19

**11 a.m.** Alzheimers Memory Walk Table, sponsored by Project Help. Angell Center Lobby.



**3 p.m.** Fraternity/Sorority Leadership Series, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Alumni Conference Room.

**3 p.m.** Lions Club/Service Corp. Blood Drive for CVPH, sponsored by Plattsburgh Student Service Corps. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

**7 p.m.** Greek Future Leaders Seminar, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Alumni Conference Room.

**10 p.m.** SA Executive Council Meeting, sponsored by SA Executive Council. Angell Center Alumni Conference Room.

### **TUESDAY, SEPT. 20**

**11 a.m.** Alzheimers Memory Walk Table, sponsored by Project Help. Angell Center Lobby.

**12:30 p.m.** Learning to

Learn Workshop, sponsored by Learning Center. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

**1:30 p.m.** Weekly Parking Appeals Meeting, sponsored by University Police. Angell College Center Meeting Rooms 5, 6.

**4:30 p.m.** Tuesday Reflections, sponsored by Arts & Sciences. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

**7 p.m.** Freshmen Emerging Leaders Seminar, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell Center Cardinal Lounge.

### **WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 21**

**11 a.m.** Alzheimers Memory Walk Table, sponsored by Project Help. Angell Center Lobby.

**10 p.m.** S.A. Senate Meetings, sponsored by SA Senate. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

### **Career Development Center Fall 2005 Workshops**

All workshops will be held in the Kehoe Sixth Floor Conference room.

Wed., Sept. 7: **Creating Resumes & Cover Letters**, 3 p.m.

Thurs., Sept. 8: **Applying to Graduate Schools**, 2 p.m.

Tues., Sept. 13: **Choosing/Changing a Major or Career**, 2 p.m.

Thurs., Sept. 15: **Delivering a Dynamic Interview**, 1 p.m.

Mon., Sept. 19: **Developing a Job Portfolio**, 3 p.m.

Tues., Sept. 27: **Applying to Graduate Schools**, 11 a.m.

Fri., Sept. 30: **Organizing an Effective Job Search**, 11 a.m.

Tues., Oct. 4: **Developing a Job Portfolio**, 11 a.m.

Wed., Oct. 5: **Applying to Graduate Schools**, 3 p.m.

Wed., Oct. 12: **Choosing/Changing a Major or Career**, 1 p.m.

Tues., Oct. 18: **Delivering a Dynamic Interview**, 10 a.m.

Thurs., Oct. 20: **Organizing an Effective Job Search**, 2 p.m.

Mon., Oct. 24: **Choosing/Changing a Major or Career**, 11 a.m.

Thurs., Oct. 27: **Creating Resumes & Cover Letters**, 10 a.m.

Wed., Nov. 2: **Delivering a Dynamic Interview**, 3 p.m.

Thurs., Nov. 3: **Creating Resumes & Cover Letters**, 2 p.m.

Mon., Nov. 7: **Applying to Graduate Schools**, 10 a.m.

Thurs., Nov. 10: **Delivering a Dynamic Interview**, 11 a.m.

Tues., Nov. 15: **Creating Resumes & Cover Letters**, 10 a.m.

Thurs., Nov. 17: **Developing a Job Portfolio**, 2 p.m.

Mon., Nov. 21: **Organizing an Effective Job Search**, 11 a.m.

## **Van Safety Education Program Classes in September and October**

The van safety classes will be held in the Service Building or the Student Health Center Conference Room in the Infirmary Building.

**NOTE:** The September and October dates/times for the "Hands-On Van Training" driving classes are at the Angell College Center Help Desk in a folder. Request the folder to sign-up for the 1.5 hour class or call 564-2121 to find out the schedule. Meet at the Lobby of the Service Building (Sanborn Ave.) for the training.

Employees interested in attending any of the three-hour classroom instruction should contact Gina Doty at 564-5011. All van drivers on campus must complete the two-part Van Safety Training course prior to using a 15-passenger style van.

In addition to the Van Safety Program, all participants need to have authorization under the Driver's Safety Review and Authorization Policy, which includes the License Event Notification System (LENS). Applications are available from their department chairs or University Police at 564-2022.

### *September and October*

#### *Van Safety Classroom dates/times:*

Sept. 8 (Thurs): 11 a.m.-2 p.m. (Infirmary Bldg.)

Sept. 13 (Tues): 1 p.m.-4 p.m. (M&O/Service Bldg.)

Sept. 21 (Wed): 1 p.m.-4 p.m. (M&O/Service Bldg.)

Sept. 22 (Thurs): 11 a.m.-2 p.m. (Infirmary Bldg.)

Oct. 6 (Thurs): 11 a.m.-2 p.m. (Infirmary Bldg.)

Oct. 6 (Thurs): 1 p.m.-4 p.m. (M&O/Service Bldg.)

Oct. 20 (Thur): 11 a.m.-2 p.m. (Infirmary Bldg.)

Oct. 31 (Mon): 1 p.m.-4 p.m. (M&O/Service Bldg.)

### **Baltimore Consort Sept. 8**

The Music Department, in association with Hill and Hollow Music, presents the Baltimore Consort on Thursday, Sept. 8 at 8 p.m. in the Hartman Theatre, Myers Fine Arts Building.

The Baltimore Consort has delighted audiences on both sides of the Atlantic with its arrangements of early music from England, Scotland and France. Its love for the early music of English/Scottish heritage has also led the group into the rich trove of traditional balladry and dance tunes preserved in the Appalachian Mountains and Nova Scotia.

Tickets are \$12 for general admission; \$10 for senior citizens and non-SUNY Plattsburgh students; and \$2 for SUNY Plattsburgh students, which are available in advance at the Angell College Center Information Desk. All other tickets will be available at the Hartman Theatre Box Office on the night of the performance.

For more information, contact the Music Department at 564-2180.



# SUNY Plattsburgh Acquires High Tech DNA Sequencer

SUNY Plattsburgh is one of four colleges and universities nationwide to be awarded a LI-COR® Biosciences Genomics Education Matching Funds (GEMF) grant. The GEMF program provides funds for the purchase of a LI-COR DNA sequencing system and software. The \$90,000 piece of high-tech equipment will be used by undergraduates at SUNY Plattsburgh studying molecular biology and related fields.

The DNA sequencing system and software is a powerful tool in the studies of population genetics, genotyping, gene mapping, linkage analysis and phylogenetic relationships.

One research project already underway using the DNA sequencer is a study of coyotes living in the Adirondacks. Dr. Nancy Elwess, associate professor of biological sciences and co-author of the grant proposal, is studying why these coyotes have become bigger and more aggressive. Using 40 to 50 tissue samples from the region's coyote population, Elwess hopes to provide evidence for the theory that the coyotes are mating with wolves.

"DNA barcoding is the latest and hottest area in genetic research," said Elwess. "With the new DNA sequencer, we're starting with local applications, including the study of brook trout, bumblebees and coyotes."

The DNA sequencing system is already being used in six different research projects headed up by Elwess and Dr. William Deutschman, assistant professor of chemistry at SUNY Plattsburgh. These projects feature collaboration between faculty members and students across the SUNY Plattsburgh campus and beyond, including Cornell University.

Elwess is collaborating with Dr. Timothy Mihuc, associate professor of earth and environmental science and coordinator of the Lake Champlain Research Institute, and his students on a study involving the genetic fitness of Adirondack brook trout through a catch and release program.

Another project benefiting from the DNA sequencer is a study comparing upstate New York bumblebees to those from Vermont. This project involves collaboration between Elwess and Dr. Daniel Vogt, professor of biological sciences.

All of these projects will also include student researchers from SUNY Plattsburgh.



**Dr. Nancy Elwess (right) and Sandy Latourelle (left) show off the new DNA sequencer in the genetics lab.**

"The DNA sequencer will truly benefit our students," said Elwess. "For one thing, it will give them an advantage when it's time to go to graduate school. They are learning on the latest and greatest piece of equipment in this type of research. By the end of this academic year, we envision the new sequencer will have an impact on at least 300 students, including those students in biology classes and those working on research projects."

The genetics lab is hosting an open house on Friday, Sept. 2 from 4 to 6 p.m. in 302 Beaumont. Everyone is invited to attend.

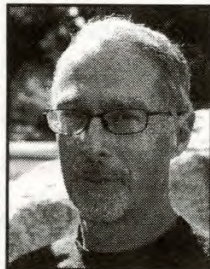


## Robbins Named Teacher of the Year

Dr. Richard Robbins, SUNY distinguished teaching professor, has been awarded the American Anthropological Association (AAA)/ McGraw Hill Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching.

The award was created in 1997 "to recognize teachers who have contributed to and encouraged the study of anthropology. The successful teacher of anthropology is at the core of producing successful anthropologists."

Nominees come from colleges and universities across the country. And



**Robbins**

while Robbins said he was aware he had been nominated, "the award nevertheless was a big surprise, and, obviously, was very gratifying and a little humbling," he said.

"It is always nice to be recognized and praised, whether by parents or peers, or whoever," Robbins said. "I think, among other things, it validates a decision to focus a career on teaching largely undergraduates at a publicly funded college. I've been fortunate to work with colleagues who share that dedication, and the recognition

has as much to do with their commitment to teaching as it does to mine."

Robbins has spent his entire teaching career at SUNY Plattsburgh, arriving as an instructor in 1966. He was promoted to assistant professor in 1969, to associate professor in 1972 and to full professor in 1996. In 2002, he was named SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professor of Anthropology. He also received the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching in 1977.

Robbins and his family will travel to Washington, D.C., in November to accept the award at the Association's annual meeting (Nov. 30 - Dec. 4).



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## SUNY Plattsburgh Steps up With Hurricane Relief

SUNY Plattsburgh has welcomed two students to campus who have been displaced due to Hurricane Katrina. These students were preparing for their first day of classes at universities in New Orleans, including the University of New Orleans (UNO) and Loyola University, when Katrina barreled in from the Gulf Coast on Monday, Aug. 29.

Noting the urgency to act quickly, SUNY Plattsburgh opened its doors for the displaced students soon after the full extent of the tragedy became evident, even though it would be a week into the semester before the students could arrive on campus.

One student, a junior from St. Kitts in the Caribbean, was participating in the National Student Exchange Program at UNO. He flew from Baton Rouge, La. to New York City where he saw family members and picked up clothes and other items before traveling to Plattsburgh.

Another student, originally from Vermont, had transferred to Loyola University where she was set to start classes. She has decided to continue her studies at SUNY Plattsburgh for the fall semester.

"This has been such a tragic situation for everyone involved in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina," said Dr.



**Members of the student group El Pueblo collect money and other items at a table in the Angell College Center Lobby for the victims of Katrina.**

John Ettling, president of the College. "Our thoughts are with the people of Mississippi, Alabama and Louisiana. We

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## Algonquin Dining Hall -- The Green Hub on Campus

One student set out with a plan to make Algonquin Dining Hall the "Green Hub" on campus, and RuthAnn Skowronek is well on her way to fulfilling her goals.

Skowronek, a junior from Readington, N.J., had two areas of focus -- introducing locally grown organic produce into the Algonquin menus and making sure that the take-out packaging for AI's was biodegradable.

"I think these are things that work well for this campus," said Skowronek, who also works at Clover Mead Farm, an organic operation in Keeseville.

Last fall, Skowronek became one

of the 10 student members of the 15-member Dining Advisory Committee (DAC) on campus. The committee, formed through College Auxiliary Services, has the task every fall semester to develop a list of changes and/or enhancements for the dining program that is then negotiated with Sodexo Campus Services.

Wayne Duprey, executive director of CAS, asked Skowronek to join the DAC after they had collaborated on a composting project at Algonquin.

"RuthAnn is a pretty amazing, dedicated and strong willed student," said Duprey. "What impressed me the most was that these two efforts added

cost to the residential meal plan price but the DAC voted in favor of both unanimously, and the committee is constituted with two-thirds students."

Skowronek is now working to spread the word about the changes in Algonquin through the work of her capstone project.

She has combined her art studio and chemistry minors into a unique individualized studies major. She has created organic labels for Algonquin in her printmaking class and will produce posters and brochures. She is also interested in setting up a Website

*(See Green Hub, Page 2)*

# Welcome SUNY Plattsburgh Families



# Faculty and Staff Support the College's Capital Campaign

With the official kickoff of the *Bright with Promise* Capital Campaign slated for later this academic year, the Faculty and Staff Campaign has begun to pick up steam before the capital campaign's official launch.

According to Paul Leduc, director of annual giving, prospective donors outside the college community ask about the commitment of faculty and staff to students, the quality of programming and the efficacy of the administration.

"Faculty and staff participation is one of the easiest and most direct ways to demonstrate that our community is fully committed to our mission, our work and our students," Leduc said.

The Faculty and Staff Campaign is aimed at both seasoned Plattsburgh College Foundation donors and those who may have never given before. Scholarships and endowments keep the annual giving campaign afloat; *Bright with Promise* will help the College cross the line.

"SUNY Plattsburgh's faculty and staff are committed to this institution. They have shown time and again through the annual fund campaigns that they believe in our mission of becoming the premier college in the professional preparation of students in an arts and sciences setting," said Nancy Dailey, vice president for institutional advancement and executive director of the Plattsburgh College Foundation. "They are now rising to the challenge and supporting our capital campaign efforts to ensure Plattsburgh State shines bright for future legions of students who will benefit not only from their generosity but their knowledge, experience and leadership. Our faculty and staff enable our students to discover their potential at every turn. Their financial support helps fuel that discovery."



*Bright with Promise*

Rose Anderson '95, director of alumni affairs, embraces all the College stands for and was one of the first to sign on to the campaign as a tangible vote of confidence for SUNY Plattsburgh.

"This College has had such a wonderful impact on my life," Anderson said. "It is all about the people - the students, alumni, faculty, staff and friends. At Plattsburgh State, you will always find people who care and who will go above and beyond. I affectionately have called this the

'Plattsburgh Spirit.' As a non-traditional student, former parent (of college students) and as an employee, I have had the pleasure of seeing many facets of this College - our diamond in the rough. I truly believe with this capital campaign, if everyone gathers together and supports it, we will have a sparkling diamond for years to come."

Anderson worked out a plan that contributes to the campaign by both payroll deduction and bequest

"We will publicly unveil the *Bright with Promise* Campaign later this academic year," said Leduc. "During the campaign, we will engage in a broad and dynamic effort to secure the philanthropic support of our College's alumni, parents and friends. Going into this, we would really like to have the full support of the faculty and staff."

"The senior administration has taken a lead in becoming the very first to support the campaign, and we are fortunate that many faculty and staff members have generously come forward on their own," said Leduc. "In the coming weeks, the campus-wide Faculty and Staff Campaign will commence, and we hope that everyone will do what they can to support the effort."

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about the "Green Hub" at SUNY Plattsburgh.

"I think this is a draw to our school for prospective students," said Skowronek. "It's good to have lots of options, which requires creative thinking. It is also important to localize our consumption."

According to Duprey, sustainability is the "hot button" in college dining programs.

"Our ability to achieve success will hinge on establishing relationships within the local agricultural community. RuthAnn and her colleagues will be instrumental to our success," said Duprey. "The purchasing of projects locally provides fresher choices, better tasting and higher quality food, benefits the local economy and should result in lower shipping/freight fees."

Josef Quirinale, general manager of Sodexo, said that Skowronek's vision helped campus dining services to map the direction that Algonquin has taken.

"Dining service belongs to the students. We function more effectively when we listen to and work to meet their needs. I see our work with RuthAnn to be a rewarding collaboration," said Quirinale. "It is another way that Dining Services can partner with the College, specifically, in this case, with RuthAnn's development in her area of study and the education of the Algonquin dining community."

Skowronek said one driving force behind her actions was reading the book, *Earth in Mind: On Education, Environment, and the Human Prospect* by David W. Orr.

"In the book, he talks about how disconnected our thinking has become from processes involved in producing things we need and use everyday. He asks his reader to question the operational ethics of systems around them and envision more environmentally conscious options. Plattsburgh State's dining halls are one of the many service systems on campus that need to be redesigned with the earth in mind. Students have the power to change things here. If you want it, talk about it," she said.

"RuthAnn is the environmental ambassador for our dining program," said Duprey. "She is evidence of how one individual can change a system. Her energy and motivation moved the DAC to take environmental concerns from discussions to implementation."



## University Police Certified for New Crime Reporting Program

Crime reporting by the SUNY Plattsburgh University Police will take a new form now that the unit has been certified to participate in a new incident-based program.

The New York State Incident-Based Crime Reporting Program (NYSIBR) -- the state Division of Criminal Justice Services' latest tool in fighting crime -- is part of a national effort to improve the quality of crime reporting to better meet the growing demands of law enforcement and the needs of the public, according to Chauncey G. Parker, director of criminal justice and commissioner of the Division of Criminal Justice Services.

The new service, an advancement in the collection and analysis of crime information in New York state, replaces the Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) system, the primary source of crime data for more than 70 years. It provides a tool for police to analyze data on a case-by-case basis as opposed to the old UCR system where data was collected into a limited number of preset categories thereby losing elements unique to each incident.

Certification in the program "demonstrates SUNY Plattsburgh University Police's commitment to employ the most up-to-date technologies as part of day-to-day department operations," Parker said. "Technology has become law enforcement's greatest weapon against criminals. This new output of data will improve the department's ability to identify community problems and will lead to improved public safety."

"Participating in NYSIBR will result in better record keeping in the department and a better understanding of crime patterns in Plattsburgh," said Arlene Sabo, chief of University Police. "This will dramatically improve the department's ability to efficiently respond to crime and the needs of residents."

Five SUNY Plattsburgh University Police officers were recognized by Clinton County STOP-DWI and Traffic Safety for their efforts in traffic safety and impaired-driver enforcement.

Officer Kevin Phair and Investigator Seth Silver were cited for their efforts in traffic safety/occupant restraint enforcement.

Silver, and officers Paula St. Clair and Jon Bombard were recognized for their efforts in the area of impaired-driver enforcement.

Officer Mitch Carriere was recognized for his efforts by the county's traffic-safety division and was named its "Traffic Safety Partner in Safety."

Additionally, the county program recognized St. Clair by naming her the University Police "Top Cop."

The five were feted at a recognition ceremony in August.



**Bombard**



**Carriere**



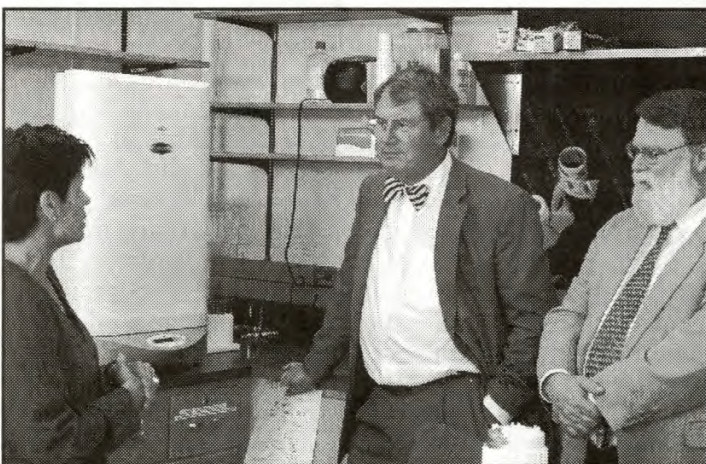
**Phair**



**Silver**



**St. Clair**



Dr. Nancy Elwess, associate professor of biological sciences, explained to President John Ettling and Vice President for Business Affairs John Homburger how a new piece of high tech works during a recent open house in the genetics laboratory in Beaumont Hall. The open house, held on Sept. 2, showed off the new DNA sequencing system and software that were awarded to the College through a \$90,000 biosciences genomics education grant from LI-COR®. SUNY Plattsburgh is one of only four institutions nationwide selected for this grant.



Janessa Harmon, executive vice president for the Student Association, Michael Cashman, Student Association president, Heidi Waldmann, the new Rabbi for the Temple Beth Israel, Stephen Hall, president of Intervarsity Christian Fellowship, and Dr. Robert Golden, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, spoke during the fourth annual Memorial Ceremony commemorating the events that took place on Sept. 11, 2001. Approximately 50 others gathered for the ceremony, which also featured a performance by the Plattsburgh State Gospel Choir.



# Faculty Members Start up Literary Journal

## Journal Launch Party Set for Oct. 6 at College Store

Four local writers and an artist at SUNY Plattsburgh have teamed up to give birth to the *Saranac Review*, a new literary journal with an international focus.

Including work from established writers from across America and Canada, the journal will debut with a launch party on Thursday, Oct. 6 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the College Store. This event is open to all, and refreshments will be served.

Involved in the project are Linda Young, assistant professor of English and editor of the new journal; Jose Torres-Padilla, associate professor of English and managing editor; David Powell, assistant professor of art and arts director; Michael Carrino, adjunct lecturer of English and poetry editor; and David Kovacs, adjunct lecturer of English and fiction editor.

"Our focus is to dissolve boundaries between literary communities, to be a textual clearing in which cross-pollination between American and Canadian communities can take place," said Young. "We literally aim to be a 'cluster of stars', representing writing so strong and diverse that it shines expansively. At the same time, we endeavor to enrich the local literary and artistic communities."

Named after the Saranac River, the magazine uses "cluster of stars" as its motto since the Iroquois used that name to describe the beauty and grace of the river.

In its mission statement, the *Saranac Review* endeavors to "dissolve boundaries of all kinds, seeking to publish a diverse array of emerging and established writers from Canada and the United States.

The first issue, due back from the printers on Aug. 30, will be available for sale in Montreal, New York and Vermont by subscription and via local readings, which will be ongoing all year.

Issue number one includes several writings from emerging and established writers from Canada and America. Donald Revell, Tony Medina, Amy Gerstler, Jay Parini, E. Ethelbert Miller, Wesley Brown, Honoree Jeffers and many others will appear in the magazine. In addition, many emerging writers will appear as well as Canadian poets and fiction writers.

"Our mission sets us apart from competitors and provides us with a strong sense of purpose," says Young. "We hope that this is the beginning of a long editorial run."

In addition, the magazine serves to educate local students as it offers publishing and graphics art internships. To date, six interns and one volunteer have gained valuable editorial experience from the project.

For more information, contact Linda Young, 562-1275; Jose Torres-Padilla, 563-4070; or Michael Carrino at 564-2558.

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are looking forward to welcoming these students to campus. We also send a special message of hope to our nearly 120 alumni who live in the affected areas."

### SUNY Offers to Enroll Displaced Students

Acting SUNY Chancellor John Ryan said that the nation's largest public university system with 64 campuses, including SUNY Plattsburgh, will open its doors to Gulf Coast students who attend colleges that are unable to open for classes.

SUNY spokesman Dave Henahan said a fast-tracked application process was created to help these students.

With a combined student population of about 31,000 students, the largest colleges in New Orleans include the UNO, Tulane University, Loyola University and Xavier University.

### Students, Faculty, Staff Support Relief Efforts

SUNY Plattsburgh community

members have sprung into action to do their part for Hurricane Katrina relief efforts.

Local fundraising efforts have been started by students in the residence halls and the Greek community.

According to Allison Swick-Duttine, director of Fraternity and Sorority Life and Leadership Development, the Center for Fraternity/Sorority Life has issued a challenge from each fraternity and sorority to collect a minimum of \$5 per member to be donated to the American Red Cross. The money will be collected on Friday, Sept. 16.

Phi Mu Delta Fraternity has already raised \$700 through tabling and coin drives. Zeta Beta Tau Fraternity is also tabling. Omega Phi Beta Sorority is not only tabling, but also sponsoring a dinner on Saturday, Sept. 24 at 7 p.m. in the Warren Ballrooms, Angell College Center, with proceeds being donated to Hurricane Relief efforts.

Bryan Hartman, director of residence life, said that numerous residence halls have activities going on to

raise money for victims of Hurricane Katrina.

"We had an RA who conducted a coin drive throughout Whiteface Hall and raised about \$165 for the Red Cross," said Hartman.

"Residence hall councils will also discuss ways to help those in need in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama," said Cori Matthews, director of the Center for Service Learning and Volunteerism at SUNY Plattsburgh.

Matthews said she is coordinating the relief effort on campus with the American Red Cross.

"The Red Cross is looking for cash donations and not supplies because they don't have the ability right now to move goods."

The faculty and staff will have the opportunity to participate in a "Dress Down Friday" fundraiser. With a \$20 donation to hurricane relief, faculty and staff will be able to dress casually on Fridays during the fall semester.

"Faculty and staff members who donate can dress casual, neat but casual, this semester to support hurricane relief efforts," said Matthews.



# Brian Micheels Named Interim Sports Information Director

## Kerry Chapin Fills Assistant Director Position

Brian Micheels, current assistant women's soccer coach, has been named the interim sports information director effective August 1.

Micheels, a former sports information director at the College (1992-2000), is filling the position vacated by Kelly Vergin, who resigned to become the sports information director at SUNY Brockport. Micheels will remain in his role as assistant women's soccer coach while a search is conducted to permanently fill the position.

A native of Middletown, N.Y., Micheels received his undergraduate and master's degrees from Plattsburgh State in 1990 and 2000, respectively.

A four-year starter, two-time captain and three-time team MVP on the Cardinal soccer team, Micheels was named Male Athlete of the Year in 1990-1991 and was an all-SUNYAC pick



Micheels and Chapin

from 1988 to 1990.

Kerry Chapin, former women's basketball player at SUNY Plattsburgh, has joined Micheels as the assistant sports information director. She received her bachelor's degree in education from SUNY Plattsburgh in 1998.

As a player, Chapin was a senior-year captain and team MVP. A dual record-holder in most three-pointers in a season and three-point percentage, Chapin was also an all-SUNYAC pick in 1998.

Directly following graduation, Chapin served as an assistant women's basketball coach at the College for one year. She then served as an admission advisor at Plattsburgh State from 2000 to 2005.

Micheels and Chapin can be contacted in the Sports Information Office on the lower level of Memorial Hall at 518-564-4148.

## Spotlight on faculty and staff

**Dr. James Coffey**, professor of accounting in the School of Business and Economics, wrote an article titled, "Avoiding Age Discrimination Lawsuits," which was published in the Spring 2005 volume of the *Vermont Bar Journal*.

**Dr. Patrick Coppens**, professor in the Department of Communication Disorders and Sciences, has had an article published recently in *Brain and Language*. The article titled, "Category-specific naming effect in non-brain-damaged individuals" discusses results that suggest older individuals show progressively more difficulty naming living items (such as animals, etc.) as

compared to non-living items (i.e., man-made, such as tools).

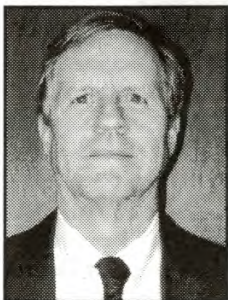
**Mary Dossin**, adjunct lecturer in English, contributed a chapter, "Using Others' Words: Quoting, Summarizing, and Documenting Sources," to the second edition of *A Tutor's Guide: Helping Writers One to One*, published this year by Boynton/Cook.

**Daniel Gordon**, assistant professor of music, took a sabbatical leave in Finland during the 2004-05 academic year. During this time, Gordon published a book and two articles; released a compact disc; guest-conducted seven ensembles; performed six recitals and as soloist in a major concerto; premiered four works; had two Finnish composers write pieces for him that he will perform this year in Plattsburgh; appeared in four periodicals and on Finnish national television; participated in two professional conferences; taught part-time at the local music college, in a mini-course at the Sibelius Academy in Helsinki, and at a summer music camp; took a full-

year intensive Finnish course; and observed over 100 rehearsals of various conductors and ensembles throughout the country.

**Dr. Mark Gultek**, assistant professor of hotel, restaurant and tourism management in the School of Business and Economics, wrote the article, "Restaurateurs Perceptions of Wine Supplier Attributes," which was published in the *Journal of Foodservice Business Research*. A study of 152 licensed restaurants in Texas found that restaurant managers consider the reliability of the wine supplier, the knowledge they possess and the possibility of discounts to be the most important attributes. The research can help suppliers, such as distributors and wineries, focus on the special needs of restaurants.

**Dr. John Lewis**, professor of physics, co-authored the article, "Growth Parameters and Substrate Treatment for the MOCVD Growth of ZnO," published by Wiley InterScience.



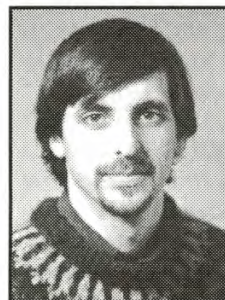
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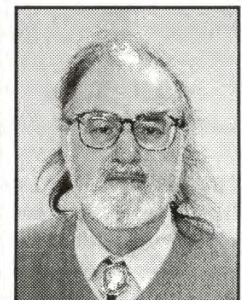
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# FOCUS Calendar

Friday, Sept. 16 - Tuesday, Oct. 4

For information on weekly meetings and other upcoming events, check the Plattsburgh State Web Calendar at: <http://banweb.cc.plattsburgh.edu/banprd/plsql/events.calendar>

## FAMILY WEEKEND

### FRIDAY, SEPT. 16

**7 p.m.** We Can Make You Laugh Comedy Show, sponsored by Campus Life Office. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

**8 p.m.** Theatre Sports, Improv theatre competitions. Tickets available at the door and at the Angell College Center Desk. \$3 general & \$2 students. Hartman Theater, Myers Fine Arts.

### SATURDAY, SEPT. 17

**1 p.m.** SA Club Recruitment Fair. Angell College Center Amite Plaza.

**8 p.m.** Comedian Alonzo Bodden, sponsored by Campus Life Office. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

**8 p.m.** Theatre Sports, Improv theatre competitions. Tickets available at the door and at the Angell College Center Desk. \$3 general & \$2 students. Hartman Theater, Myers Fine Arts.

**10 p.m.** BINGO, sponsored by PSU Late Night. Angell College Center Flynt Commons.

### MONDAY, SEPT. 19

**11 a.m.** Alzheimers Memory Walk Table, sponsored by Project Help. Angell College Center Lobby 2.

**3 p.m.** Lions Club/Service Corp. Blood Drive for CYPH, sponsored by Plattsburgh Student Service Corps. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

**7 p.m.** Greek Future Leaders Seminar, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Alumni Conference Room.

**10 p.m.** SA Executive Council Meeting. Angell

College Center Alumni Conference Room.

### TUESDAY, SEPT. 20

**11 a.m.** Alzheimers Memory Walk Table, sponsored by Project Help. Angell College Center Lobby 2.

**12:30 p.m.** Learning to Learn Workshop, sponsored by Learning Center. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

**1:30 p.m.** Weekly Parking Appeals Meeting. Angell College Center Meeting Rooms 5 and 6.

**4:30 p.m.** Tuesday Reflections, sponsored by Arts & Sciences. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

**7 p.m.** Freshmen Emerging Leaders Seminar, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

### WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 21

**11 a.m.** Alzheimers Memory Walk Table, sponsored by Project Help. Angell College Center Lobby 2.

**12 p.m.** History Presentation, sponsored by History Club. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

**5 p.m.** Fish! How to Improve Motivation & Morale, sponsored by Leadership Development. Angell College Center Alumni Conference Room.

**10 p.m.** S.A. Senate Meetings. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

### THURSDAY, SEPT. 22

**11 a.m.** Alzheimers Memory Walk Table, sponsored by Project Help. Angell College Center Lobby 2.

**12 p.m.** "Dealing with

Difficult People", sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Meeting Room 8.

**12:30 p.m.** ACB Meetings, sponsored by SA Activities Coordination Board. Angell College Center Amnesty Room.

**7:30 p.m.** Visual Artist Series, presents Frank Noelker, photographer, sponsored by the Campus Arts Council with support from the Student Association. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

### FRIDAY, SEPT. 23

**11 a.m.** Alzheimers Memory Walk Table, sponsored by Project Help. Angell College Center Lobby 2.

### SATURDAY, SEPT. 24

**10 a.m.** Student Association Club Recruitment Fair. Angell College Center Amite Plaza.

**9 p.m.** John Zaffis: Ghost Hunter, sponsored by PSU Late Night. Angell College Center Alumni Conference Room.

### SUNDAY, SEPT. 25

**6 p.m.** Monthly Reflection Meeting & Activity, sponsored by Plattsburgh Student Service Corps. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge and Warren Ballroom A.

### MONDAY, SEPT. 26

**11 a.m.** Alzheimers Memory Walk Table, sponsored by Project Help. Angell College Center Lobby 2.

**7 p.m.** Greek Future Leaders Seminar, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Alumni Conference Room.

**7 p.m.** Society of Success &

Leadership Teleconference, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

**8 p.m.** "Unless a Death Occurs" Screening & Discussion, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

**10 p.m.** SA Executive Council Meeting. Angell College Center Alumni Conference Room.

### TUESDAY, SEPT. 27

**11 a.m.** Fraternity/Sorority New Member Education Showcase, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Lobby.

**12:15 p.m.** Fraternity/Sorority New Member Workshop, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Amnesty Room.

**12:30 p.m.** Learning to Learn Workshop, sponsored by Learning Center. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

**1:30 p.m.** Weekly Parking Appeals Meeting. Angell College Center Meeting Rooms 5 and 6.

**2 p.m.** Distinguished Quebec Address, sponsored by Canadian Studies, Center. The Hyman and Frances Krinovitz Recital Hall.

**4:30 p.m.** Tuesday Reflections, sponsored by Arts & Sciences. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

**7 p.m.** Film Series and WRAP Session featuring the movie, "Gattaca," sponsored by the Center for Diversity, Pluralism and Inclusion. E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium, Hawkins Hall.

**7 p.m.** Freshmen Emerging Leaders Seminar, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell



College Center Cardinal Lounge.

### **WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 28**

**11 a.m.** Alzheimers Memory Walk Table, sponsored by Project Help. Angell Center Lobby 2.

**6 p.m.** Quebec Day - Movie, sponsored by Canadian Studies, Center. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

**10 p.m.** S.A. Senate Meetings. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

### **THURSDAY, SEPT. 29**

**8 a.m.** Explore Infection Control Conference, sponsored by College Auxiliary Services. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

**11 a.m.** Alzheimers Memory Walk Table, sponsored by Project Help. Angell Center Lobby 2.

**12:30 p.m.** ACB Meetings,

sponsored by SA Activities Coordination Board. Angell Center Amnesty Room.

**7 p.m.** Disney College Program Presentation, sponsored by Career Development Center. Angell Center Cardinal Lounge.

### **FRIDAY, SEPT. 30**

**8 a.m.** Speech Language Dept. Conference. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

**11 a.m.** Alzheimers Memory Walk Table, sponsored by Project Help. Angell Center Lobby 2.

### **SATURDAY, OCT. 1**

**10 p.m.** Sci-Fi Movie, sponsored by PSU Late Night. Angell College Center Alumni Conference Room.

### **SUNDAY, OCT. 2**

**12 p.m.** Alzheimer's Walk, sponsored by Alzheimer's

Disease Asst. Center. Field House.

### **MONDAY, OCT. 3**

**7 p.m.** Greek Future Leaders Seminar. Angell College Center Alumni Conference Room.

**10 p.m.** SA Executive Council Meeting. Angell College Center Alumni Conference Room.

### **TUESDAY, OCT. 4**

**12 p.m.** LCP Series: "Thinking on Your Feet", sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

**12:15 p.m.** Fraternity/

Sorority New Member Workshop. Angell Center Amnesty Room.

**1:30 p.m.** Weekly Parking Appeals Meeting. Angell College Center Meeting Rooms 5 and 6.

**4:30 p.m.** Faculty Senate Executive Comm. Meeting. Angell College Center Meeting Room 1.

**4:30 p.m.** Tuesday Reflections, sponsored by Arts & Sciences. Angell Center Cardinal Lounge.

**7 p.m.** Freshmen Emerging Leaders Seminar, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

### **Constitution Day Panel Discussion Sept. 20**

As part of a federally-mandated program, which designates Sept. 17 as Constitution Day, the American Democracy Project Committee at SUNY Plattsburgh will present "The United States Constitution and Contemporary America: A Panel Discussion," on Tuesday, Sept. 20 at 4:30 p.m. in the Alumni Conference Room, Angell College Center.

Speakers include Michael Cashman, Student Association president; Dr. Jon Gottschall, professor of political science; Dr. Marilyn Nelson, associate professor of teacher education; Dr. James Rice, associate professor of history; and moderator Dr. Thomas Moran, director of the Institute for Ethics in Public Life. This event is free and open to the public.

### **New Homes for Academic Advising, ISS**

Academic Advising has moved to the Claude J. Clark Learning Center, Room 103, in the Feinberg Library. International Student Services has moved into the former Academic Advising offices on the second floor of Kehoe.

**CORRECTION:** To reserve the Faculty Emeriti Lounge in Hawkins, please contact Julie Collins at 564-4321.

## **National Hazing Prevention Week Sept. 26-30**

National Hazing Prevention Week is Sept. 26 - 30, and several events are planned at SUNY Plattsburgh in conjunction with the national campaign to eliminate hazing on a campus-wide level.

- During the week, a anti-hazing information table will be set up in the Angell College Center Lobby from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m and free anti-hazing buttons will be handed out.

- On Monday, Sept. 26, a screening of the documentary, "Unless a Death Occurs: Hazing Examined," will be shown at 8 p.m. in the Warren Ballrooms, Angell College Center. A panel discussion will follow. This event is co-sponsored by Mountain Lake PBS and Omega Phi Beta Sorority.

- A Fraternity/Sorority New Member Education Showcase will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 27 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Meeting Room 1, Angell College Center.

- On Wednesday, Sept. 28, attorney Dave Westol, executive director of Theta Hir Fraternity, will give a lecture, "Hazing: On Trial," at 8 p.m. in Yokum 200. Westol is nationally known for this presentation on hazing.

- The week of events wraps up on Thursday, Sept. 29 with a fraternity book club discussion of "Goat: A Memoir," written by Brad Land in which he recounts the hazing that occurred and a death that resulted while he was pledging a fraternity in Clemson University. The discussion will be held in Meeting Room 3, Angell College Center at 12:15 p.m.

"Hazing is not a fraternity/sorority issue; however much of the education and intervention on college campuses is focused on these groups," said Allison Swick-Duttine, director of Fraternity and Sorority Life and Leadership Development. "The goal for National Hazing Prevention Week at Plattsburgh State is to provide education on eliminating hazing and to celebrate those organizations that have created non-hazing new member programs. We hope that in future years, other club and organizations, athletic teams, honor societies, etc., will partner with us to eradicate hazing."

CAMPUSPEAK is coordinating the week on the national level with the campus events sponsored by the Center for Fraternity and Sorority Life.



# SUNY Plattsburgh Celebrates Family Weekend

Families and students will be in for some good times during Family Weekend at SUNY Plattsburgh. A weekend full of fun activities will welcome parents, siblings and friends as they visit Plattsburgh State's campus Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 16, 17 and 18.

The theme for this year's gathering is "Celebrating the rich history of Plattsburgh and the North Country."

Student Association President Mike Cashman, from Carver, Mass., has enjoyed several Family Weekend visits from his parents.

"I was thrilled to show my parents around and introduce them to my new friends, my new home and my new girlfriend my freshman year," said Cashman. "I think all students enjoy the comfort of a visit from parents and families after starting a new school year. What could be better than having your parents visit with their wallets?"

Below is just a partial list of activities planned throughout the weekend. For more information, contact the Student Activities Office at 564-4321.

## **FRIDAY, September 16**

**3 - 8 p.m.** Registration, Lobby, Angell College Center

**7 p.m.** Men's Varsity Soccer vs. rival SUNY Geneseo, Soccer Field, Field House

**7 p.m.** We Can Make You Laugh, Warren Ballrooms, Angell College Center

**8 p.m.** Theatre Sports Improv, Hartman Theatre, Myers Fine Arts Building

**9 p.m.** An Evening of Jazz and Gospel Music, Flynt Commons, Angell College Center

## **SATURDAY, September 17**

**8 - 11 a.m.** Registration, Lobby, Angell College Center

**9 and 11 a.m., 1 p.m.** Intro to Sea Kayaking, Valcour Kayaking Center, Rt. 9 South

**10 a.m.** Burlington Shopping Bus Tour, departs from the Angell College Center. The bus will drop off its passengers



**Families last year gathered for the Presidents' Breakfast, a Family Weekend tradition on Sunday morning.**

on the Church Street shopping area in Burlington and will pick up everyone at 3 p.m. for arrival back on campus at approximately 4 p.m.

**Throughout the Afternoon.** Faculty Lectures, Cardinal Lounge, Angell College Center

**1 to 3 p.m.** Student Club Fair, Amite Plaza in front of the Angell College Center

**3 p.m.** Men's Varsity Soccer vs. rival SUNY Brockport, Soccer Field, Field House

**3 to 4 p.m.** Ice Skating with Burghy, Ronald B. Stafford Ice Arena, Field House

**6 p.m.** Casual Lakeside Dining, Valcour Educational Conference Center, Rt. 9 South

**8 p.m.** Comedy Cake and Coffee featuring comedian Alonzo Bodden, Warren Ballrooms, Angell College Center

## **SUNDAY, Sept. 18**

**10 a.m.** Presidents' Breakfast Buffet hosted by President John Ettling and SA President Michael Cashman, Warren Ballrooms, Angell College Center

## **Photographer to Kick Off Visual Artist Series Sept. 22**

The 2005-06 Visual Artist Series presents its first lecture of the season featuring Frank Noelker on Thursday, Sept. 22, at 7:30 p.m. in the Cardinal Lounge, Angell College Center.

Noelker, an associate professor of art at the University of Connecticut, comes from a tradition of what he calls "Concerned Photographers," documenting wrongs in the world to make people aware and create change.

His photographs of animals in zoos have been widely exhibited, both in solo and group exhibits, and are included in the permanent collections of a number of museums.

Over the course of seven years, Noelker visited more than 300 zoos,

spending hours watching, waiting, being with each individual, witnessing their daily lives.

Currently, Noelker is focusing on rescued chimpanzees. In stately portraits, they tell their stories of surviving years of abuse in laboratory research and the entertainment industry.

He has photographed individuals at sanctuaries, like Canada's Fauna Foundation, Patti Ragan's Center for Orangutan and Chimpanzee Conservation in Florida, and April Truitt's Primate Rescue Center in Kentucky.

Noelker has also visited the formerly notorious Coulston Foundation, which used to conduct medical

research on scores of chimpanzees. In an unprecedented agreement, Carole Noon's *Save the Chimps* bought the laboratory and gained custody of its 200-plus inmates with the intention of converting it to a retirement home so the chimps can live out their lives in comfort and without fear of molestation. Later this year, Noelker will travel to Africa to photograph chimps in a sanctuary there.

The Visual Artist Series, sponsored by the Campus Arts Council and the Student Association, is free and open to the public.

For further information, contact the Plattsburgh State Art Department at 564-2179.



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## Teacher Education on Track for NCATE Accreditation

The three areas cited that resulted in denial of SUNY Plattsburgh's teacher education accreditation last spring are being pursued aggressively in anticipation of the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE)'s re-visit next October, said the department's dean.

Dr. David Hill, dean of education, health and human services, said SUNY Plattsburgh's teacher education program fell short in its conceptual framework, program coherence and data management and assessment capabilities according to NCATE.

"We continue to evolve and are working to address what NCATE found to be deficiencies in our program," Hill said. "Conceptual framework means the foundation on which we develop our programs. Program coherence is being able to draw a line from that conceptual framework to a student activity or

course. And NCATE wants us to develop a data management system that allows us to better collect and assess the performance of our students and graduates."

Hill said the plan for data management and assessment needs to be ironed out "so we can collect data and provide some assurances that our graduates are competent, that our students are making progress toward competency and employers are pleased."

That's not to say Plattsburgh State teacher education graduates had lacked competency and employer satisfaction in the past.

"We just didn't have a data-base mechanism in place that satisfied NCATE's requirements," Hill said. "That mechanism would include valuable and reliable measurements of a graduate's abilities and competency. An example might be a survey of employers. We'd have to establish a



Dean David Hill

survey that measured what we want it to measure. We would also have to then compile the results in a data system so they could be retrieved as needed. In the past we've relied on

*(See Accreditation, Page 2)*

## Scholarship Changes Benefit More High-Ability Students

### *Shift Helped to Increase Freshmen, Transfer Enrollment*

A re-evaluation of SUNY Plattsburgh's merit scholarship structure ultimately resulted in an increase in freshmen and transfer applications to the College this fall.

According to Todd Moravec, director of financial aid, a representative from the consultant firm Noel-Levitz last spring found a number of high-ability students were not being offered scholarships and as a result were not enrolling at Plattsburgh State.

"These students tended to have high SAT scores but lower high-school averages," Moravec said. "Or they may have had high averages but lower SAT scores. They were on the fringe; not solid in both areas."

Merit scholarships are traditionally offered to students based on compilations of scores, with defining lines drawn at certain score levels. Broken up into five selectivity groups, SUNY has distinguished in the past between those

who excel in both SAT and high-school averages as being in Selectivity Group One and those who fall below that in subsequent groups two through five.

"Our enrollment management plan had goals for the selectivity groups," Moravec said. "We had a structure that offered scholarships to a group who achieved a "90" high-school average and 1,200 SAT score, but we had a number of students who fell within Groups One and Two who weren't offered scholarships."

With the consultant's recommendation and SUNY's enrollment goals shifting to accept more of the higher-ability students who previously fell through the cracks, Plattsburgh State committed to offering more of these Groups One and Two students scholarships.

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## Naromie Ganesh Joins Institutional Advancement Staff



*Bright with Promise*

It is fitting that Naromie Ganesh, a 1999 SUNY Plattsburgh graduate, is the new assistant director of annual giving at the College. It was here, as a student, that Ganesh first tried out her hand in the fundraising business.

"I was the treasurer and secretary for *Z-Platt*, the student literary magazine at Plattsburgh. I wrote my first fundraising letter to the faculty as we were trying to raise money to produce more issues. Let me just say that the faculty was very generous," said Ganesh, who came to Plattsburgh as a student from Queens, N.Y.

"I chose to come to Plattsburgh State because it was far away, but still close enough to home," she said. "Plattsburgh is completely opposite of city life, and I was able to easily settle in, and I liked the slower pace."

After she received her bachelor's in political science, Ganesh went back to New York City to work first as donor relations coordinator, then associate director of annual giving for Catholic Charities, Archdiocese of New York.

"Soon after I started there, many of the staff left, then I became the associate director. It was baptism by fire -- I had

to learn a great many things quickly and was able to grow the annual giving program despite challenges," said Ganesh.

From there she went on to raise money for H.I.P.P.Y. USA, an early childhood literacy organization.

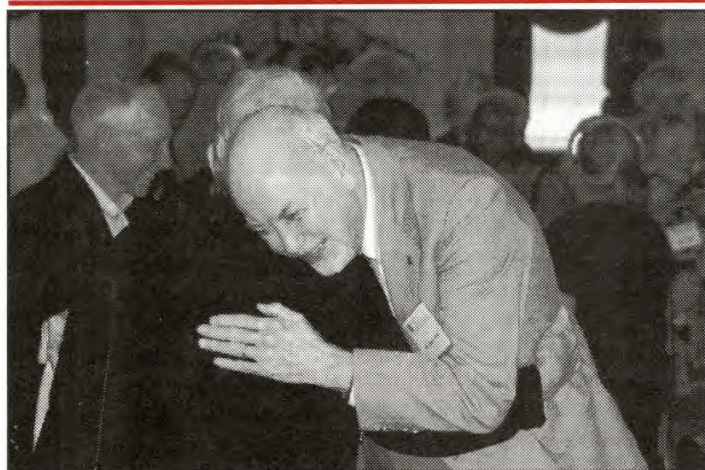
"H.I.P.P.Y. USA was a much smaller organization. We were a staff of 10 and the organization never had a fundraiser on staff before, so it was exciting and lots of hard work to come in at the embryonic stage and building something from scratch. The executive director was very supportive, and we were able to bring the organization's fundraising program up to speed."

Ganesh joined the Institutional Advancement staff at the beginning of September and is responsible for running phon-a-thon, the direct mail program and providing assistance for the *Bright With Promise* Capital Campaign.

"I never, never envisioned coming back to Plattsburgh, but the *Bright With Promise* Capital Campaign is an exciting time for the College and the community, and I am looking forward to being a part of it."



**Ganesh**



**About 75 faculty emeriti recently gathered for a special reception at the Valcour Educational Conference Center Main House. The event was sponsored by the Plattsburgh College Foundation and United University Professions. On hand to greet the emeriti were President John Ettling and his wife, Lisa Lewis; Donald Garrant, College Council Chair; Dr. Douglas Skopp, distinguished teaching professor of history and College Historian (standing in for UUP Campus President Patricia Bentley); and Michael Cashman, Student Association President. The faculty emeriti members had a great time talking with former colleagues and current faculty and administrators. They also had the opportunity to talk to Student Ambassadors. Left, Dr. James Nolan, faculty emeriti of biology, greets a colleague during the reception.**

### *Accreditation (Continued from Page 1)*

anecdotal evidence rather than objective evidence from surveys."

It would also require a storage system for data "so it can be analyzed. We have to be able to track every student and articulate all the things we want our graduates to be able to do," he said.

That would include such teacher components as writing effective lesson plans and documenting the outcomes of those plans, Hill said.

"Clearly we've taught it. The question that needs to be asked before a student gets into the classroom as a teacher is can a student do it. It's a good thing. To be as objective as possible in our program, we need to be able to provide students what they

need to learn. They need to know that we have certain expectations of quality and that we have a way of assessing that. We need to be clearer about what we're doing and give students more responsibility for their own learning," he said.

A return site visit is planned for October 2006 at which time NCATE will re-evaluate the program and strides the department has made in meeting its accreditation challenges, Hill said. The deadline set by the State Education Department for national accreditation is December 2006.

"We're well on our way," Hill said. "I have an advisory group that works together with education department

chairs who provide leadership for the effort. The education department is not just teacher-education based. It also includes communication disorders and the school psychologist and counselor programs."

The group meets Fridays "with as many faculty as we can get there. I usually have 35 to 40 participants each week," Hill said. "That tells me I have a pretty committed group of people. We're all out to see this happen and to do well. If we develop a program that makes sense and is based on current best practices, and if we agree to be accountable, we'll provide evidence that we're doing it and we'll be accredited."



## Russell Banks Joins History Faculty to Teach 5-Week Course

*Public Presentation Scheduled for Monday, Oct. 31*

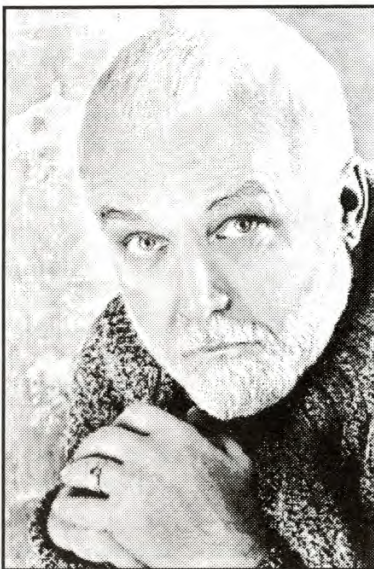
Noted author and Adirondack resident Russell Banks has joined the SUNY Plattsburgh history faculty, if only for the next five weeks.

Banks, who was awarded a SUNY Honorary Degree of Doctor of Humane Letters at Plattsburgh State in 1999, is teaching a one-credit course called "Adirondack Bohemia." The course delves into the myriad of artists and intellectuals who have worked and played in the AuSable River Valley of the Adirondacks for the past 150 years. Among the most notable are Sigmund Freud, William and Henry James, virtuoso cellist Yo-Yo Ma, and famed artist, activist and SUNY Plattsburgh benefactor Rockwell Kent.

Banks, author of such books as *The Sweet Hereafter*, *The Darling*, *The Angel on the Roof* and *Affliction*, is also among the list of Adirondack luminaries, spending much of his time in his home in Keene Valley.

His novel, *Rule of the Bone*, is set in AuSable. *The Sweet Hereafter* takes place in a fictional town near Lake Placid. And *Cloudsplitter* takes place in North Elba, N.Y., and tells the story of martyred anti-slavery activist John Brown, who is buried there.

His novels *The Sweet Hereafter* and *Affliction* have been adapted for feature-length films; *Affliction* earned an Oscar for best-supporting actor, James Coburn. His forthcoming film adaptation of Jack Kerouac's *On the Road* will be directed by Joel Schumacher and produced by Francis Ford



**Banks**

Coppola.

As instructor of "Adirondack Bohemia," the Pulitzer Prize nominee will work with a class of 10-12 students on a research project about a notable figure in the cultural and artistic history of the AuSable Valley.

This is a unique opportunity for SUNY Plattsburgh's students, as Banks is among the most accomplished American writers of our day. His 15 books have earned two nominations for the Pulitzer Prize, an American Book Award and many other prizes.

His books have also been translated into at least a dozen languages, including Korean, Japanese, Spanish, German, Hebrew, French and Turkish.

Banks is also an experienced university teacher and is the Howard G.B. Clark '21 Professor Emeritus in the Humanities at Princeton University.

According to Dr. James Rice, associate professor of history, classes will venture to the Adirondack Museum in Blue Mountain Lake and to various studios of Banks' artist and writer friends in the Keene Valley area.

The public will have the chance to hear Banks discuss "Adirondack Bohemia" and his works at a public lecture Monday, Oct. 31 at 8 p.m. in the E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium in Hawkins Hall, part of the Presidents' Speakers Series. Rice said if time allows, Banks will also try to work in a public book signing in honor of his newest book, *The Darling*, being released in paperback.

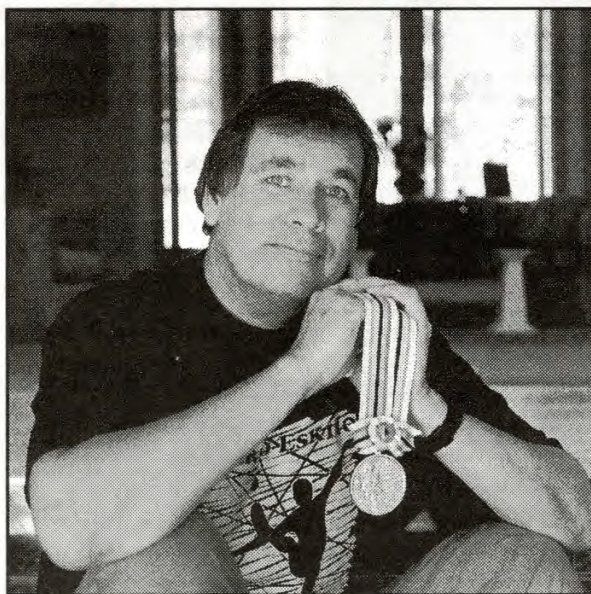
## Special Homecoming Presentation by Olympian

Homecoming speaker Billy Mills knows something about character, dignity and pride. A native American raised on Pine Ridge Indian Reservation (S.D.), Mills went on to become the only American ever to win the Olympic 10,000-meter race.

Mills will give a powerful presentation during Homecoming 2005 on Friday, Oct. 14 at 4 p.m. in Memorial Hall. His talk is free and open to the public.

An author, Marine Corp veteran, and national spokesman for Running Strong for American Indian Youth, Mills is also a warrior -- a person who takes personal responsibility, humbles himself and has learned the power of giving. His message echoes the values of his Oglala Lakota upbringing.

"Your life is a gift from the Creator. Your gift back to the



**Mills**

Creator is what you do with your life," said Mills.

After thousands of miles of training, Mills became the first and only American to win a gold medal in the 10,000-meter race in the 1964 Tokyo Olympic Games. He set an Olympic record of 28 minutes, 24.4 seconds.

To this day Mill's accomplishment remains a great source of pride to American Indians. To date, no other American has won a gold medal in the 10,000 meters.

Mill's work with Running Strong allows him to present himself as a role model for native American youth and to offer them inspiration and encouragement. He travels extensively promoting programs that are, according to the organization's Web site, "designed to build a

new generation of Indian leaders who demonstrate healthy life-styles and take pride in their heritage."



## Communication Faculty Member Back from India

SUNY Plattsburgh welcomes back Communication faculty member Dr. Shakuntala Rao after her return from India where she participated for nearly seven months in the Fulbright Exchange Program.

Rao, who joined the Communication faculty in 1992, was one of nearly 1,800 faculty members throughout the United States chosen for the Fulbright Program. Rao taught mass communication and journalism to graduate students at Punjabi University in Patiala, Punjab, India.

In addition to her work as an instructor, Rao was an employee for the United States Department of State and was involved in leading many workshops for journalists. The workshops were organized through the United States Embassy and the Consulate General of Pakistan.

"People in other places of the world do not get the opportunity for education like Americans do. It was great to give people an education that is so coveted," said Rao.

Rao chose to return to her native India because she had never lived there as an adult.



Rao

"I wanted to go home. It is my culture, but I left 19 years ago," Rao said.

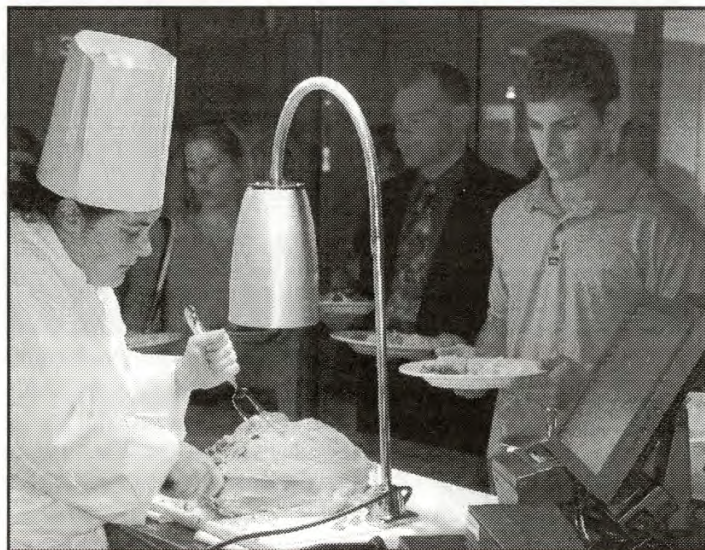
Besides her work through the Fulbright Program, Rao also got to spend time traveling and visiting many different places. Her involvement in the Fulbright Program allowed her to travel to Pakistan, Southeast Asia and South Africa.

"I love North America because it is beautiful, but there is nothing like standing in the Kalahari Desert just seeing all that vastness," Rao said.

Fulbright Scholars must wait approximately three years before they can reapply for another exchange. Rao says that if her personal life will allow it, she will definitely reapply.

"I would love to teach in South Africa," Rao said. "My work in the Fulbright Program helped me gain a global perspective on teaching and research. It was great to teach to people who were hungry for knowledge. I wish students at Plattsburgh were more informed of the opportunities they have to be involved in the student Fulbright Program," said Rao. "I was completely changed by this experience. It was one of the best experiences of my academic life."

-- Molly Byrne, PR Intern



**The Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism Management Department in the School of Business and Economics recently hosted a lunch at Samuel D's (Sibley Hall) to help raise money for the Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund through the American Red Cross. More than \$500 was donated to the fund. The Katrina Disaster Relief Luncheon Buffet featured seafood Newburgh and slow-roasted top round of beef. Samuel D's will continue its Wednesday Networking "Hour" from 4:30 to 6 p.m. through Dec. 7. Samuel D's, the student laboratory restaurant, will also serve dinner on Thursday evenings, 5 to 7 p.m., through Dec. 1. Starbucks coffee will be available during daily morning takeout hours, 8 a.m. through 11 a.m., until Dec. 9. For more information, visit <http://www.samueld.com> or email [manager@samueld.com](mailto:manager@samueld.com).**

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"In doing so, our scholarship structure is more aligned with SUNY's selectivity groups," Moravec said. "As a result, we offered more scholarships to a larger population of higher-ability students, and our applications from students who fall in Groups One and Two rose."

This initiative worked hand in hand with enrollment initiatives across campus, including the work

being done in Admissions to boost applications, Moravec said.

Freshmen enrollment was closed this summer after surpassing fall 2005 goals. In 2004, 72 students from Selectivity Group One enrolled; 181 from Group Two; and 373 from Group Three.

This fall, the goals were 77, 200 and 415 for Selectivity Groups One, Two and Three, respectively.

In actuality, those numbers were 90, 246 and 448, an increase of 92 students.

"What makes a difference is that we're not only higher in quantity, but also in quality," Moravec said. "These represent the largest increase since the mid-1990s. Our enrollment management plan has committed growth in these areas not just this year but in future years."



## National Depression Screening Day Oct. 6

Anxious and overwhelmed by life's daily demands? The Center for Student Health and Psychological Services will host several events on Thursday, Oct. 6 as part of National Depression Screening Day.

From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., an information table will be set up in the first floor lobby of the Angell College Center. A counselor will be available to answer any questions.

A free, anonymous depression screening and presentation will be held at 7 p.m. in the Student Health Center Building, Conference Room 148.

Individuals who believe they may be experiencing depression, bipolar disorder, anxiety and/or Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder are invited to take part in this free, anonymous screening.

Refreshments will be provided. For more information, contact the Center for Student Health and Psychological Services at 564-3086.



**Family Weekend 2005** was a great success. Families enjoyed a whole host of special activities throughout the weekend, Sept. 16 - 18. Above, students, parents and siblings gathered in the Warren Ballrooms for a night of laughter with comedian Alonzo Bodden. Among the other highlights were a dinner at Valcour Educational Center, a performance by the College's Jazz Ensemble and the Gospel Choir and the Farewell Breakfast hosted by College President John Ettling and Student Association President Michael Cashman.

## Spotlight

on faculty and staff

**Dennis Aprill**, full time lecturer in the Journalism Department, has written a new field guide, *Short Treks in the Adirondacks and Beyond—Paths to Discovery*, published by Nicholas K. Burns Publishing, Utica. *Short Treks* focuses on often overlooked trails that offer new outdoor learning experiences. This is Aprill's fourth book and follows his other guide books, *Paths Less Traveled*, *Good Fishing in the Adirondacks* and *Mammals of the Adirondacks* (co-author). *Short Treks* is available at the College Store's Book Nook.

**Dr. Alexis Levitin**, professor of English, has written stories that have appeared in several magazines including: *Osiris*; *Ellery Queen Mystery*

*Magazine*; *North Dakota Review*; *13th Moon*; *Absinthe: New European Writing*; *Northwest Review*; *Metamorphoses*; *Hotel Amerika*; *Arts and Letters*; *Crazyhorse*; *Green Mountains Review*; *Dirty Goat*; *Sulphur River Literary Review*; *Artful Dodge*; *Portuguese Literary and Cultural Studies*; *Natural Bridge*; *Crab Creek Review*; *Marlboro Review*; *Chelsea*; *Rhino*; and *Prairie Schooner*. Levitin also spent a one-month residency at the European Translators Collegium in Straelen, Germany, working on "Selected Poems of Antonio Ramos Rosa."

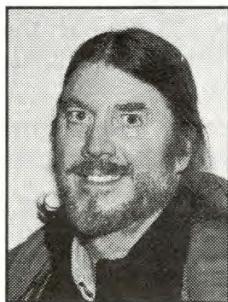
**Dr. John Myers**, emeritus distinguished service professor of history, recently published his book, *Henry Wilson and the Coming of the Civil War*, with the University Press of America (July 2005).

**Dr. Jose Torres-Padilla**, associate professor of English, has written the article, "Death to the Orignary Narrative! Or, Insurgent Multiculturalism and Teaching Multiethnic Literature," which was published in *MELUS*.

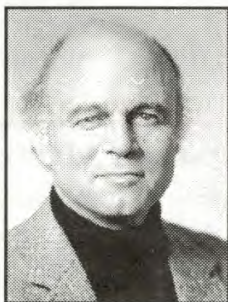
## CEES Conference Presentations

Faculty members from the Center of Earth and Environmental Studies, along with several students, recently traveled to the Ecological Society of America annual meeting in Montreal.

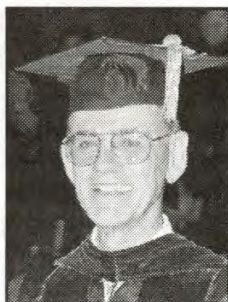
The following three studies were presented: "Enhancement through Increased Interspersion and Connectivity" (oral presentation) by Steven Benway, Dr. Melinda Wu and Dr. Kenneth Adams; "Habitat Usage by Birds at the Lake Alice Wildlife Management Area" (poster presentation) by Kevyn Juneau '05, Adams and Wu; and "Wetland Enhancement by Creating Potholes and Controlling Invasive Exotics" (poster presentation) by Jonathan Zucker, Melinda Bigness, Michael Praeger, Katherine Bazquez, Benway and Wu.



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# FOCUS Calendar

Friday, Sept. 30 - Wednesday, Oct. 19

For information on weekly meetings and other upcoming events, check the Plattsburgh State Web Calendar at: <http://banweb.cc.plattsburgh.edu/banprd/plsql/events.calendar>

## FRIDAY, SEPT. 30

**8 a.m.** Speech Language Dept. Conference, sponsored by College Auxiliary Services. Angell College Center, Warren Ballrooms.

**11 a.m.** Fall 2005 Career Development Workshop Series, presents "Organizing an Effective Job Search." Sponsored by the Career Development Center. Kehoe, 6th Floor Board Room.

**11 a.m.** Alzheimers Memory Walk Table, sponsored by Project Help. Angell College Center, Lobby 2.

**11 a.m.** Voter Registration Drive, sponsored by College Democrats. Angell College Center, Lobby 9.

**12 p.m.** Disney College Program Presentation, sponsored by Career Development Center. Angell College Center, Alumni Conference Room.

## SATURDAY, OCT. 1

**10 p.m.** Sci-Fi Movie, sponsored by PSU Late Night. Angell College Center, Alumni Conference Room.

## SUNDAY, OCT. 2

**12 p.m.** Alzheimer's Walk, sponsored by Alzheimer's Disease Asst. Center. Field House.

## MONDAY, OCT. 3

**7 p.m.** Greek Future Leaders Seminar, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center, Alumni Conference Room.

**10 p.m.** SA Executive Council Meeting, sponsored by SA Executive Council. Angell College Center, Alumni Conference Room.

## TUESDAY, OCT. 4

**12 p.m.** LCP Series:

"Thinking on Your Feet", sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center, Cardinal Lounge.

**12:15 p.m.** Fraternity/Sorority New Member Workshop, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center, Amnesty Room.

**1:30 p.m.** Weekly Parking Appeals Meeting, sponsored by University Police. Angell College Center, Meeting Rooms 5 and 6.

**4:30 p.m.** Faculty Senate Executive Comm. Meeting, sponsored by Faculty Senate. Angell College Center, Meeting Room 1.

**4:30 p.m.** Tuesday Reflections, presents Ms. Britt McDowell speaking on "Art Therapy in Theory and Practice." Sponsored by the Office of the Dean of Arts and Science. Angell College Center, Cardinal Lounge.

**7 p.m.** Freshmen Emerging Leaders Seminar, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center, Cardinal Lounge.

## WEDNESDAY, OCT. 5

**3 p.m.** Fall 2005 Career Development Workshop Series, presents "Applying to Graduate Schools." Sponsored by the Career Development Center. Kehoe, 6th Floor Board Room.

**6:30 p.m.** Plattsburgh College Night, sponsored by Admission's Office. Field House, Outdoor Track.

**10 p.m.** S.A. Senate Meetings, sponsored by SA Senate. Angell College Center, Cardinal Lounge.

## THURSDAY, OCT. 6

**11 a.m.** Depression Screening Table, sponsored by Center for Student Health & Psychological Services. Angell College

Center, Lobby 1.

**12:15 p.m.** Fraternity/Sorority Presidents' & Advisors Council, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center, Alumni Conference Room.

**12:30 p.m.** ACB Meetings, sponsored by SA Activities Coordination Board. Angell College Center, Amnesty Room.

**7 p.m.** Leadership Certification Film Discussion, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center, Alumni Conference Room.

**7 p.m.** Crossing the BLVD: strangers, neighbors, aliens in a new America with Warren Lehrer and Judith Sloan. A multimedia presentation with stories, sounds, images of new immigrants and refugees. Followed by forum discussion with the artists. Co-sponsored by Art Dept Visual Artists Series, Music Dept, Phi Kappa Phi, and Office of Diversity, Pluralism & Inclusion. FREE! For more information, contact 564-2180. Hawkins Hall, E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium.

## FRIDAY, OCT. 7

**9 a.m.** Journalism Conference on First Amendment Rights, sponsored by English Department. Krinovitz Recital Hall, Hawkins Hall.

## SATURDAY, OCT. 8

**10:00 p.m.** Game Night,

sponsored by Student Activities Office. Angell College Center, Flynt Commons.

## TUESDAY, OCT. 11

**8 a.m.** Senior Citizen Enrichment Day, sponsored by College Auxiliary Services. Angell College Center, Warren Ballrooms.

## WEDNESDAY, OCT. 12

**1 p.m.** Fall 2005 Career Development Workshop Series, presents "Choosing/Changing a Major or Career." Sponsored by the Career Development Center. Kehoe, 6th Floor Board Room.

**10 p.m.** S.A. Senate Meetings, sponsored by SA Senate. Angell College Center, Cardinal Lounge.

## THURSDAY, OCT. 13

**11 a.m.** CVPH Blood Drive, sponsored by Plattsburgh Student Service Corps. Angell College Center, Alumni Conference Room.

**12:30 p.m.** ACB Meetings, sponsored by SA Activities Coordination Board. Angell College Center, Amnesty Room.

## HOMEcoming WEEKEND

## FRIDAY, OCT. 14

**10 a.m.** Homecoming Pancake Breakfast and Alumni Golf Outing at the Barracks Golf Course. Tickets are \$35. Contact the Alumni Office at 564-2090.

## College Council Meeting Oct. 6

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the College Council will be held on Thursday, Oct. 6 at 1 p.m. in the 6th Floor Board Room in Kehoe. The meeting is open to the public.



**2 p.m.** Welcome Back Tour of Campus. Departs from the Main Doors of Hawkins Hall.

**4 and 6 p.m.** Planetarium Show -- Stars of Autumn. Part of Homecoming 2005. Tickets are free but reservations are required. Call the Alumni Office at 564-2090 for more information.

**4 p.m.** Presentation by Olympic Champion Billy Mills. Part of Homecoming 2005. The presentation is free and open to the public. Memorial Hall Lobby.

**8 p.m.** 18th Annual PRISM Concert, Homecoming Event. All music ensembles perform in a round-robin fashion. Tickets available at the Angell College Desk and at the door. \$5 general, \$2 students. Hawkins Hall, E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium.

**9:30 p.m.** Fabulous Fireworks. Part of Homecoming 2005. Field behind Memorial Hall.

### **SATURDAY, OCT. 15**

**9 a.m.** Family Fun Run. Part of Homecoming 2005. Registration begins at 8 a.m. Memorial Hall.

**10 a.m.** Acting Workshop, Jen Byrne, Class of 99; Guest Alumni Workshop. "Putting Over a Song: from audition to performance." Saturday, Oct. 15th. Myers 129. FREE. Studio Theatre, Myers Fine Arts Building.

**1:30 to 3:30 p.m.** Open Skate with Burghy. Part of Homecoming 2005. Stafford Ice Arena, Field House.

**2 to 4 p.m.** Open House of Macdonough Hall. Part of Homecoming 2005. Macdonough Hall.

**3 p.m.** Planetarium Show -- Stars of Autumn. Part of Homecoming 2005. Tickets are free but reservations are required. Call the Alumni Office at 564-2090 for more information.

**3 p.m.** Fraternity/Sorority Alumni Reception, sponsored by Greek Affairs.

Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

**5 p.m.** Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony for Susan Kirwin '95. Part of Homecoming 2005. Memorial Hall Lobby.

**8 p.m.** Fall Fest Concert, sponsored by SA Activities Coordination Board, featuring T.O.K. and Lit Field House, Indoor Track/Gymnasium. Tickets T.B.A.

**9 p.m.** Casino Night, sponsored by PSU Late Night. Angell College Center, Alumni Conference Room.

### **SUNDAY, OCT. 16**

**10 a.m.** Gospel Choir Performance. Part of Homecoming 2005. Krinovitz Recital Hall, Hawkins Hall.

### **MONDAY, OCT. 17**

**3 p.m.** Fraternity/Sorority Leadership Series, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center, Alumni Conference Room.

**7 p.m.** Greek Future Leaders Seminar, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center, Alumni Conference Room.

**7:30 p.m.** Visual Artist Series, presents Sylia Safdie, Mixed Media (sculpture, drawing, etc.). Sponsored by the Campus Arts Council with funding provided by the Student Association. Angell College Center, Cardinal Lounge.

**10 p.m.** SA Executive Council Meeting, sponsored by SA Executive Council. Angell College Center, Alumni Conference Room.

### **TUESDAY, OCT. 18**

**10 a.m.** Fall 2005 Career Development Workshop Series, presents "Delivering a Dynamic Interview." Sponsored by the Career Development Center. Kehoe, 6th Floor Board Room.

**12:15 p.m.** Fraternity/Sorority New Member

Workshop, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell Center, Amnesty Room.

**1:30 p.m.** Weekly Parking Appeals Meeting, sponsored by University Police. Angell College Center, Meeting Rooms 5 and 6.

**4:30 p.m.** Faculty Senate Monthly Meeting. Angell College Center, Alumni Conference Room.

**7 p.m.** Society of Success & Leadership, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center, Alumni

Conference Room.

**7 p.m.** Freshmen Emerging Leaders Seminar, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell Center, Cardinal Lounge.

### **WEDNESDAY, OCT. 19**

**7:30 p.m.** T.J. Sullivan's "Confronting the Idiot", sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center, Warren Ballrooms.

**10 p.m.** S.A. Senate Meetings, sponsored by SA Senate. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

### **Book Nook Hosts CD Signing Oct. 3**

Alumna Jane Lawliss Murphy, Class of 1958, likes to sing about insects, bugs and squiggly things. And kids love it, too. The College Store/Book Nook will host a CD signing of her latest CD from 12 to 1 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 3.

Murphy is a singer, guitarist and composer who has written and recorded five albums of songs for children published by Kimbo Educational. Her poems have won awards and have been published in several poetry quarterlies. Murphy, a Long Island, N.Y. resident, also writes essays that have appeared in the *New York Times*.

### **New Greek Member Education Programs**

Members of the fraternity and sorority community at Plattsburgh State are changing the way students, faculty and fraternity and sorority members alike perceive the "pledging" process.

On Tuesday Sept. 27, the New Member Educators, formally known as pledge masters or pledge moms, presented their New Member Education Programs in the New Member Education Program Showcase. Since this event was held during National Anti-Hazing Awareness Week, an emphasis was placed on programs that have departed from out of date and inappropriate forms of education.

The competition for the best program was sponsored by Fraternity and Sorority Life. A panel of four judges determined which organization developed the most efficient and up to date program. Sigma Delta Tau Sorority won the New Member Education Showcase and the grand prize of \$250.

This competition gave fraternities and sororities a chance to change the way they, and communities in general, view pledging.

"Plattsburgh State's fraternities and sororities are departing from hazing-based pledge programs and developing values-based new member education," said Allison Swick-Duttine, director of Fraternity and Sorority Life and Leadership Development. "The programs being showcased will ensure that fraternities and sororities not only give their new members the skills to efficiently run their own organization, but also to become future leaders and productive members of whatever organizations and jobs their futures may hold."

-- Zoe Genova, PR Intern



## Art Museum Wagschal Exhibit Opens Oct. 1

Marion Wagschal, world-renowned Montreal artist and painter of the human figure, will have an exhibition of 30 paintings at the Burke Gallery, Plattsburgh State Art Museum, from Oct. 1 until Nov. 13.

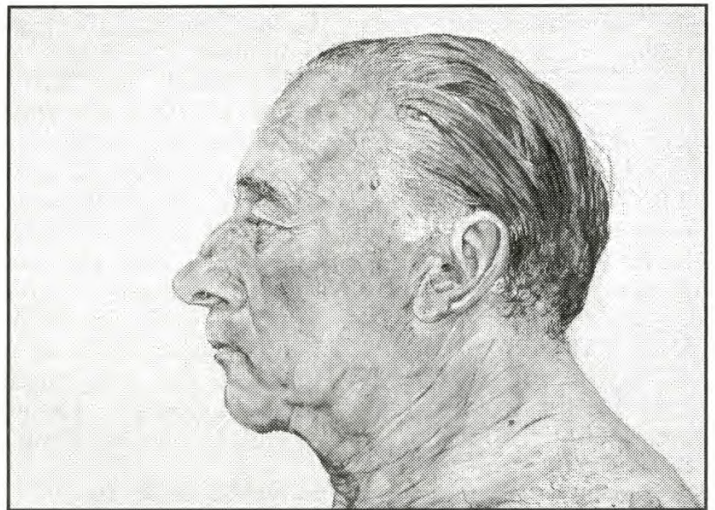
The exhibition will open on Oct. 1 with an artist's lecture at 3 p.m. in Room 200 of Yokum Hall, and a reception from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Burke Gallery. The reception is sponsored by the Center for the Study of Canada, the opening lecture and reception are free and open to the public.

Wagschal has painted in Montreal for four decades. Speaking of the artist's work in his essay "Channeling Ghosts," appearing in the full catalogue of the show, James D. Campbell wrote, "Often depicted naked in her painting, and with no cosmetic allure whatsoever, the body's postural feints and parries in time and circumstance are her enduring subject. She has explored with rare ardor, insistence and perspicacity the body's lesser-seen (but subjectively far better known) night-side: attrition, dissolution and still higher orders of damage."

"Unlike the cold air of the morgue that infiltrates Lucian Freud's paintings of the figure, Wagschal's work is suffused with inflammatory warmth. This warmth is so enveloping, it is difficult to turn away. Her figuration has volume, vigor and tremendous formal charisma."

The artist is a native of Trinidad. After immigrating to Québec, she attended Macdonald College at McGill University and received her teaching diploma in 1961. Wagschal went on to study at Concordia University where she received her BFA degree in 1965 and her MFA in 1967.

Wagschal has had many solo exhibitions and her work appears in many prestigious private and public collections. She is known for her subtle, subdued palette, the alluring painterly quality of her brushwork and her unconventional choice of subject. Unlike most figure painters who focus on the young and the beautiful, this artist paints people she is well acquainted with, and her view, which reaches out beyond the limits of the canvas, is at once honest and direct.



Marion Wagschal's painting, "Father."

"As a painter, I am interested in the heroic used in an ironic sense to record and honor individuals and what is revealed through an involved interaction of brief encounter," said Wagschal. "The grandeur and banality of the ordinary, the pain of it. Is it possible to do figurative work that is significant for today's world? Is the personal relevant, a microcosm of the culture? To reveal the way one thinks in a pictorial sense, just to observe the record the complexity of living, the politics of it, the need for connection, tactility, meaning delight, is a privilege."

"As a sensuous medium, which contains meaning embedded in pleasure, painting embodies a metaphor of mind, body and spirit. Planned or unplanned, it is a revelatory process leading to exaltation and reflection at its best and has sustained my interest and passion for most of my life," said Wagschal.

For more information on the exhibition, contact the Plattsburgh State Art Museum at 564-2474 or the Website at: <http://clubs.plattsburgh.edu/museum/wagschal.htm>

## SUNY Plattsburgh to Present "Crossing the BLVD" Oct. 6

A special presentation on the struggles of immigrants and refugees coming to America since 1965, will be held on Thursday, Oct. 6 at 7 p.m. in the E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium, Hawkins Hall.

"Crossing the BLVD: Strangers, neighbors, aliens in a new America" will be presented by the Music Department, Art Department, Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society and the Center for Diversity, Pluralism and Inclusion.

The multimedia performance by Warren Lehrer and Judith Sloan portrays the struggles, humor and pathos of new immigrants and refugees in the most polyglot locality in the United States. At a time when immigration

patterns are re-shaping American culture, the award-winning book, the exhibition and performance sheds light on the experiences of people who came to the United States after the 1965 Immigration and Nationality Act Amendment that mandated an end to immigration policies favoring white Western Europeans.

Lehrer, a photographer, writer and book artist, and Sloan, an oral historian, actress and audio artist, traveled the world for three years by trekking the streets of their home borough of Queens, N.Y., the most ethnically diverse locality in the country.

The "Crossing the BLVD" project documents the people and stories they encountered along their journey. In

the performance, Lehrer is the tour guide, providing wry commentary on the follies of Queens living and the U.S. immigration policy, while Sloan "channels" a variety of interviewees.

Their performance is illuminated by projected images of the subjects, objects they have carried with them from home to home, landscapes and maps, along with Sloan's engaging soundtrack of original music, sounds and voices.

*The New York Times* called the performance, "an offbeat tour of one of the country's most ethnically diverse counties...riveting stories about a new wave of immigrants to America."

For more information, contact the Music Department at 564-2180.



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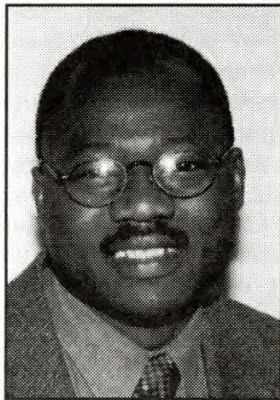
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## Dr. Jean Ouedraogo Receives Chancellor's Award

Dr. Jean Ouedraogo, associate professor and chair of foreign languages and literature, has been honored with the Chancellor's Award for Internationalization.

"I congratulate you Dr. Ouedraogo on behalf of the campus community on this prestigious honor," said College President John Ettling. "This is an award in which he and the entire campus community can be proud."

Of 32 project proposals from around SUNY, Ouedraogo was one of



**Dr. Jean Ouedraogo**

12 to receive the award, which comes with \$8,000 to support his project in Martinique, a french-speaking island in the Caribbean.

The project with Universite Antilles-Guyane will allow SUNY Plattsburgh students to travel to Martinique during Winter Session.

"This partnership will allow us to tap into local faculty expertise and enhance our students experience through the host family system," said Ouedraogo. "The project is rooted in the belief that language and

cultural immersion provides students with an essential incentive for personal and academic growth. By design, the project executes an academically-sound curriculum while accommodating further discovery through culturally relevant activities."

Students who choose to participate in the Winter Session course will first take a web-based course from Dec. 19 to Jan. 3, 2006. The students will then head to Martinique for approximately two weeks where they will visit several sites including rum and sugar cane museums, a nature reserve and colorful markets.

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## Expert Says AD/HD May Affect Speech, Language Skills

Attention deficit disorders or ADD - sometimes ADHD for attention deficit hyperactivity disorder - often go hand in hand with clients suffering from auditory and language problems.

The challenge to the speech and language pathologists is to identify those clients so they receive the services needed for both ADD symptoms and their deficiencies in language and auditory processing.

Dr. Donna Geffner, director of graduate programs in speech language pathology and audiology and the Speech and Hearing Center at St. John's University, told a group of speech and language professionals and SUNY Plattsburgh graduate students in communication disorders and sciences that in order to assess their clients' auditory-language processing skills, they may very well have to consider attention deficit in the equation.

"These kids come in and you can spot them waiting down the hall," she said at the Sept. 30 day-long conference. "The way we diagnose AD/HD is still not very scientific. We use subjective evaluation. So much depends on how hyper or inattentive a child is. I have a barber chair in the office,



**Dr. Donna Geffner**

and by the time the child I suspect has AD/HD is in the chair and I am in the control room, the kid's pumped up the chair and probably touched everything in the room."

Geffner said that not all children who exhibit antsy or hyper behavior have attention deficits, but many who

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# Welcome SUNY Plattsburgh Alumni



## Mental Health Professional Gives Talk on Licensing

Dr. David Hamilton, executive secretary of the New York State Board for Mental Health Practitioners, the State Education Department's licensing board for mental health counselors, recently presented the new license requirements for mental health counseling to Counselor Education Department students, faculty, graduates and other community mental health professionals.

Invited by Dr. Beverly Burnell, counselor education chairperson, Hamilton reviewed the major elements of the license (education, experience and examination requirements), the application process and responded to audience questions regarding the license requirements.

During the presentation, Hamilton announced that SUNY Plattsburgh just had its 60 credit hour Master's of Science in Mental Health Counseling Program approved by the State Education Department.

With this approval, graduates of the Mental Health Counseling Program will graduate from a New York State "license eligible" program, which will entitle them to satisfy the education requirements of the new professional license.

Dr. Richard L. Schnell, CCMHC, professor of counselor education, is the sole SUNY faculty member serving on the State Board for Mental Health Practitioners, a board that advises the State Education Department's Office of the Professions and the Board of Regents in matters of

professional regulations, practice standards and disciplinary procedures.

Schnell is one of three mental health counselors appointed by the Board of Regents to serve on the state licensing board that oversees four clinical professions: mental health counselors, psychoanalysts, marriage and family therapists, and creative arts therapists.

SUNY Plattsburgh is one of less than 20 colleges and universities throughout New York State that has received approval as a state "license eligible" Mental Health Counselor Program.

"The new license will have a dramatic positive impact upon Plattsburgh's graduates because it will make them eligible for many more clinical positions in local mental health agencies, clinical supervisory positions, and eventually, for receiving third party reimbursements from private insurers," said Schnell.

Licensed Mental Health Counselors are now able to have private practices. After Jan. 1, 2006, with certain statutory exceptions, no individuals will be able to practice psychotherapy in New York State without being licensed.



**Dr. David Hamilton**

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## Moravec: More SUNY Plattsburgh Students Carry Loans Than National Average

*Report Given at College Council's Oct. 6 Meeting*

While the percentage of students with loans is higher at Plattsburgh State than the national average of students at other public four-year institutions, the average annual loan for Plattsburgh State students is about the same as the national rate.

Todd Moravec, director of financial aid, told the College Council at its Oct. 6 meeting that the average annual loan is around \$5,800. Moravec said that in 2004, 66 percent of all Plattsburgh State students hold loans while the national rate of undergraduate students at other state colleges was slightly higher than 50 percent. While the Plattsburgh College

Foundation continues to provide needed financial support for students, Moravec said the increase in cost of education continues to exceed available scholarships and grants.

The College Council also heard a report on the characteristics of the entering class of freshmen, students transferring in to SUNY Plattsburgh and of new graduate students.

Council members also passed resolutions commending Cardinal Points on being named an All American College Newspaper and recognizing Dr. Nancy Elwess on receiving the Four-Year College Biology Research/Teacher of the Year Award.

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## Chancellor's Award (Continued from Page 1)

"The award's stipend is intended to facilitate the execution of the project by providing the project director with the financial resources for its implementation," said Ouedraogo. "The Chancellor's Award is a great honor personally, institutionally and academically."

Interim SUNY Chancellor John Ryan said he regards the enhancement of the international dimension of the university and of the students' education to be among SUNY's priorities.

"Professor Ouedraogo's project in Martinique will provide a unique and challenging educational opportunity

for your students," said Ryan. "We have created the Chancellor's Award for Internationalization to encourage SUNY faculty to develop precisely this sort of program for our students. The experience the participating students will have will be invaluable for their education and for their developing sense of the world."

According to Ouedraogo, no SUNY institution has an exchange program with Martinique.

"To this extent, this project complies with the award's stated goal of promoting 'study in less commonly traveled regions.'

"While its geographic proximity contributes to a general sense of familiarity, Martinique's linguistic and political specificities very often remain significant barriers to a fuller appreciation of its place, not only vis-a-vis France, but also with regard to the French-speaking world, the Francophone and Africana studies curricula, our Western Hemisphere, and indeed to the world at large," said Ouedraogo.

Students interested in finding out more about the Winter Session course may contact Ouedraogo at 564-3833 or Andrew Lang, coordinator of Study Abroad, at 564-2321.



## Canadian Studies to Host Two Upcoming Events

The Center for the Study of Canada and the Institute for Quebec Studies will host two upcoming events.

The inaugural **North Country Distinguished Business Address** will feature John Dieker, general manager for Bombardier Transportation in Plattsburgh. His speech will be held on Thursday, Oct. 20 at 4 p.m. in the Krinovitz Recital Hall, Hawkins Hall.

Dieker will present, "A World Leader Present, Right Here in Plattsburgh." Dieker has served as general manager for Bombardier's Plattsburgh operations since Dec. 1, 2003.

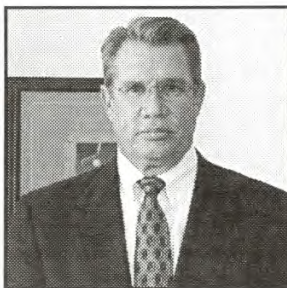
Prior to joining Bombardier, Dieker acquired more than 28 years experience working in the aerospace industry.

He has held positions in operations management and general management of large manufacturing operations for Sino Swearingen Aircraft for two years as vice president and general manager.

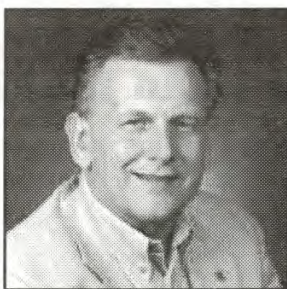
Prior to Sino Swearingen, Dieker worked for 23 years for Raytheon Aircraft Company in key leadership positions at their Salina, Kan., Little Rock, Ark. and Wichita, Kan. operations.

Dieker received his bachelor's in human resources management from Friends University in Wichita, Kan., and a Six Sigma Expert Certification from the Raytheon Learning Institute.

Bombardier Transportation is the global leader in the rail equipment manufacturing and servicing industry. Its



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wide range of products include passenger rail vehicles and total transit systems. They also manufacture locomotives, propulsion and controls and provide rail control solutions. As of Jan. 1, 2005, Bombardier Transportation employed over 31,500 people in 21 countries.

The Plattsburgh, N.Y., facility is the company's primary manufacturing site in the United States. At the present time, the facility employs more than 600 people producing commuter rail cars.

The **Distinguished Quebec Address** is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 25 at 2 p.m. in the Krinovitz Recital Hall, Hawkins Hall. The address will be given by Larry Smith, president and CEO of the Canadian Football League team the Montreal Alouettes.

Smith is one of the most recognized figures in the Quebec community. The Montreal fans first got to know him as a star fullback from 1972 to 1980, and then as president and CEO of the team from 1997 to 2001, when he

led the Alouettes' organization through one of the most important periods of the franchise history.

After two years as president and publisher of the *Montreal Gazette* in 2002 and 2003, Smith reassumed the presidency of the Alouettes in March 2004.

He graduated from Bishop's University in 1972 with a bachelor's degree of arts in economics. In 1976, Smith earned his bachelor of civil law degree from McGill University.

## Visual Artist Series Presents Montreal Artist

The next presentation in the Visual Artist Series will feature Sylvia Safdie on Monday, Oct. 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the Cardinal Lounge, Angell College Center.

Safdie, who works with mixed media including sculpture and drawing, was born in Aley, Lebanon, in 1942 and spent her early years in Haifa, Israel. She moved to Canada with her family in 1953.

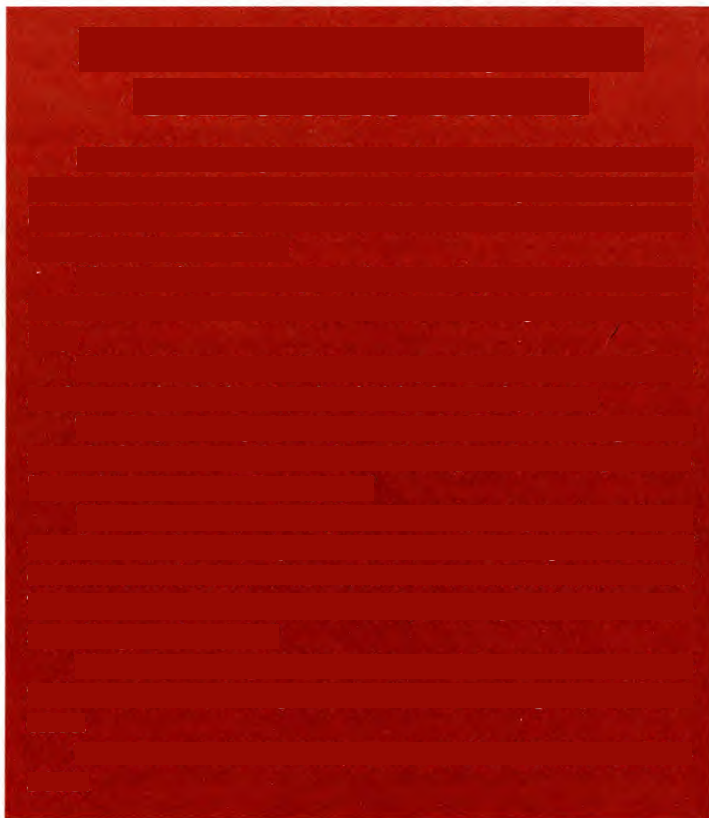
Safdie said she feels our formative experiences are the ones that stay with us, and she is inspired by nature.

"Out of that displacement comes the experience of relocation and finding another language," she said. "I did turn to nature, because that is what I could feel close to."

She completed her Bachelor of Fine Arts at Concordia University in 1975. Since then, she has been a practicing visual artist living and working in Montreal.

She has exhibited both in Canada (Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Calgary and Vancouver, among others) and in the United States (New York, Chicago, Miami, San Diego). She has also exhibited in Europe (London, Paris, Copenhagen, Geneva) and East Asia (Beijing).

The Visual Artist Series, which is sponsored by the Campus Arts Council and the Student Association, is free and open to the public.





## Bursar's Office Now Called Student Accounts

The Bursar's Office at SUNY Plattsburgh will now be known as Student Accounts. The change is effective immediately.

"The name 'Student Accounts' is becoming more of an industry standard," said Gregory Withrow, formerly the director of the Bursar's Office, now the director of Student Accounts. "About 80 percent of other colleges in the SUNY system use the term 'Student Accounts' alone or in combination with Bursar's Office."

Student Accounts provides collection, disbursement, refund and billing services for all student, faculty/staff and campus accounts, plus a few off-campus accounts.

"After talking with several individuals, including

Michael Cashman (president of the Student Association), we felt that the term 'Student Accounts' was more intuitive for students, especially incoming freshmen who may not understand what bursar means," said Withrow. "The term 'bursar' has a lot of history, but it doesn't have much descriptive value."

Another change in the works for the Student Accounts office is a new service, TouchNet Online Payment Service, which will allow online payments to be made to the College. Initial installation of the necessary software will begin later this semester. Announcements will be made as soon as the system is up and running sometime next semester.

## Memorial Held for Walter Dean Jennings

Walter Dean Jennings, the freshman education major who died March 12, 2003 as the result of a fraternity hazing incident, was remembered Saturday, Oct. 1 outside his former residence hall where a plaque and tree were dedicated in his memory.

William Laundry, interim vice president for student affairs, and Dr. Edward Miller, chemistry professor, officiated at the dedication, unveiling a plaque placed in a stone at the base of a young tree.

The late student's father, Walter Dean Jennings Jr. '73, his mother, Sue Ann Jennings '73, and his sister, Cynthia, stood by stoically as the words were read.

The plaque reads in part: "This tree is dedicated to the memory of freshman student Walter Dean Jennings III, Class of 2006. ... His senseless death at age 18 from a hazing incident must never be forgotten."



**The Jennings Family**

"I thought it has a very good message," said Mr. Jennings. "I hope something like this won't happen again and that this will serve as a reminder of what can happen."

The brief ceremony, held outside Hood Hall where Jennings lived, also included comments from SUNY Plattsburgh President John Ettling, Clinton County District Attorney Richard Cantwell, who tried the case against former Psi Epsilon Chi fraternity members, Arlene Sabo, chief of University Police, Jerry Lottie, assistant chief of University Police, and the Rev. Roger McGuinness, pastor of St. John's Church.

"I would very much like to see the state Legislature change the hazing laws so there would be more of a deterrent. Hopefully, no one else will find themselves in this situation," said Mr. Jennings.

## Speech and Hearing(Continued from Page 1)

present with auditory-language processing problems may well be.

"Some children can have both problems, in which case a means to screen the child for AD/HD is in order or a referral to a psychologist to evaluate is necessary," she said. "Since most evaluations involve questionnaires, observations are subjective. So there are many youngsters out there who are seen as 'antsy' or just 'a boy' who may never meet the criteria."

Geffner addressed about 100 students and professionals on topics such as the behaviors associated with AD/HD and their impact on auditory and language processing, the identification measurements and treatment strategies for coping. She was complimentary in her comments about

SUNY Plattsburgh's Speech and Hearing Clinic, calling it "a wonderful addition to the program."

"It is run by competent and sensible professionals," she said from her home in Queens following the conference. "I was impressed by how on top of tests and results they were. Often, parents have to scramble to find professionals to test their children. How fortunate for the Plattsburgh community that such a center exists."

The SUNY Plattsburgh Speech and Hearing Clinic provides services for a wide variety of disorders.

Clinicians provide rehabilitation services to children who need help developing communication skills, to people of all ages who stutter, to pro-

fessionals showing voice problems, to individuals who have suffered from strokes, head injuries and dementias, and to individuals seeking help with foreign-accent reduction. Assessment teams also offer in-depth evaluations for a variety of speech and language disorders, making use of the newly developed program in auditory/language processing diagnostic services.

All services are performed by the graduate students in the Department of Communication Disorders and Sciences and are closely supervised by the department's faculty.

The clinic serves students and faculty of SUNY Plattsburgh as well as the North Country community. The clinic is located in Sibley Hall, Room 224 and can be reached at 564-2170.



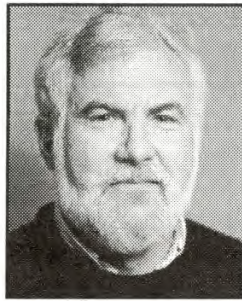
## Cohen to Work on New Book About Racism

Dr. Mark Cohen, distinguished professor in the Anthropology Department, is currently working on a new book concerning both racism and science in the United States.

Cohen, who teaches such topics as human evolution, race, culture and disease, is working on a prospectus for his book, tentatively titled, "Immortal Serpent: 'Scientific' Racism in the 21st Century."

Cohen has given more than 100 public talks at nearly 60 colleges and universities around the world, including receiving a Fulbright Fellowship to Israel.

"I have worked and traveled with people of a wide range of colors, both here and abroad, and have seen how well they think and function in contexts relevant to their



**Cohen**

lives," Cohen said. "My goal in my writings concerning race issues is to debunk some of the 'scientific studies' promoting racism."

Next semester, Cohen will be a fellow at the Institute for Ethics in Public Life.

This opportunity will reduced his course load, giving him the chance to work on his book. The expected publication date is in 2008.

Cohen's teaching career began at SUNY Plattsburgh in 1971.

"I interact with a great variety of people on campus. I'm proud of Plattsburgh in terms of the environment it seems to have created for students of color," said Cohen. "We don't do so well making faculty of color feel welcome, a fact that limits our access to many very competent teacher-scholars."

-- Molly Byrne, PR Intern

## Spotlight

on faculty and staff

**Dr. Patrick Coppens**, professor in the Department of Communication Disorders and Sciences, recently presented a four-hour invited seminar at the Massachusetts Speech-Language Hearing Association Annual State Convention. The title of the talk was "Group Therapy for Aphasia: Theory and Practical Experience" and was developed in collaboration with colleagues from the University of Vermont.

**Dr. Nancy Elwess**, associate professor of biological sciences, has been appointed to the Board of Directors for the Mayo Clinic (all branches). She is the first Ph.D. to be awarded this distinction as all the rest are MDs.



**Coppens**



**Elwess**

## Center for Teaching Effectiveness Grand Opening

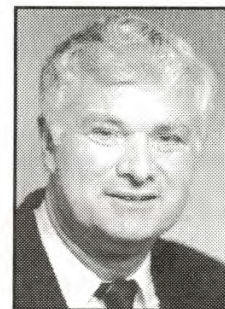
The Center for Teaching Effectiveness will hold an official grand opening of its office and meeting room on Monday, Oct. 24 in Feinberg Library, room 301.

"The center was created to help all members of the faculty and staff improve and enhance their teaching strategies and skills," said Dr. Douglas Skopp, distinguished teaching professor of history, College Historian and co-director of the new center. "The over-arching goal of the center is to help us become even better teachers in our work with undergraduate and graduate students at SUNY Plattsburgh."

The center has a 12-member board comprised of SUNY distinguished professors and/or chancellor's award recipients.

The center, which began organizing in fall 2004, is supported through a grant from College Auxiliary Services and the Office of the Provost.

Dr. Kenneth Adams, distinguished teaching professor of earth and environmental studies and co-chair for the center, said that the center will serve



**Adams**



**Skopp**

as a place for resources and a source for encouragement and guidance.

"Everyone aspires to be effective in what they do," said Adams. "Effective teaching is a complex process that's continually changing for every faculty member. The center will provide both formal and informal programs designed to facilitate the improvement of teaching effectiveness across campus."

Everyone is invited to attend the center's grand opening, which will feature brief remarks by Dr. Ann Tracy, distinguished teaching professor emeritus of English. Refreshments will also be served.



# FOCUS Calendar

Friday, Oct. 14 - Thursday, Nov. 3

For information on weekly meetings and other upcoming events, check the Plattsburgh State Web Calendar at: <http://banweb.cc.plattsburgh.edu/banprd/plsql/events.calendar>

## HOMECOMING WEEKEND

### FRIDAY, OCT. 14

**10 a.m.** Homecoming Pancake Breakfast and Alumni Golf Outing at the Barracks Golf Course. Tickets are \$35. Contact the Alumni Office at 564-2090.

**2 p.m.** Welcome Back Tour of Campus. Departs from the Main Doors of Hawkins Hall.

**4 and 6 p.m.** Planetarium Show -- Stars of Autumn. Part of Homecoming 2005. Tickets are free, but reservations are required. Call the Alumni Office at 564-2090 for more information.

**4 p.m.** Presentation by Olympic Champion Billy Mills. Part of Homecoming 2005. The presentation is free and open to the public. Memorial Hall Gymnasium.

**8 p.m.** 18th Annual PRISM Concert, Homecoming Event. All music ensembles perform in a round-robin fashion. Tickets available at the Angell College Desk and at the door. \$5 general, \$2 students. Hawkins Hall, E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium.

**9:30 p.m.** Fabulous Fireworks. Part of Homecoming 2005. Field behind Memorial Hall.

### SATURDAY, OCT. 15

**9 a.m.** Family Fun Run. Part of Homecoming 2005. Registration begins at 8 a.m. Memorial Hall.

**10 a.m.** Acting Workshop, Jen Byrne, Class of 99; Guest Alumni Workshop. "Putting Over a Song: from audition to performance." Saturday, Oct. 15th. Myers 129. FREE. Studio Theatre, Myers Fine Arts Building.

**1:30 to 3:30 p.m.** Open Skate with Burghy. Part of Homecoming 2005.

Stafford Ice Arena, Field House.

**2 to 4 p.m.** Open House of Macdonough Hall. Part of Homecoming 2005. Macdonough Hall.

**3 p.m.** Planetarium Show -- Stars of Autumn. Part of Homecoming 2005. Tickets are free, but reservations are required. Call the Alumni Office at 564-2090 for more information.

**3 p.m.** Fraternity/Sorority Alumni Reception, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

**5 p.m.** Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony for Susan Kirwin '95. Part of Homecoming 2005. Memorial Hall Lobby.

**8 p.m.** Fall Fest Concert, sponsored by SA Activities Coordination Board, featuring Rupee and Lit Field House, Indoor Track/Gymnasium. Tickets T.B.A.

**9 p.m.** Casino Night, sponsored by PSU Late Night. Angell College Center, Alumni Conference Room.

### SUNDAY, OCT. 16

**10 a.m.** Gospel Choir Performance. Part of Homecoming 2005. Krinovitz Recital Hall, Hawkins Hall.

### MONDAY, OCT. 17

**3 p.m.** Fraternity/Sorority Leadership Series, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Alumni Conference Room.

**7 p.m.** Greek Future Leaders Seminar, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Alumni Conference Room.

**7:30 p.m.** Visual Artists Series, presents Sylia Safdie, Mixed Media (sculpture, drawing,...). Sponsored by the Campus Arts Council

with funding provided by the Student Association. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

**10 p.m.** SA Executive Council Meeting. Angell College Center Alumni Conference Room.

### TUESDAY, OCT. 18

**10 a.m.** Fall 2005 Career Development Workshop Series, presents "Delivering a Dynamic Interview." Kehoe 6th Floor Board Room.

**12:15 p.m.** Fraternity/Sorority New Member Workshop, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell Center Amnesty Room.

**1:30 p.m.** Weekly Parking Appeals Meeting, sponsored by University Police. Angell College Center Meeting Rooms 5 and 6.

**4:30 p.m.** Faculty Senate Monthly Meeting. Angell College Center Alumni Conference Room.

**7 p.m.** Society of Success & Leadership, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Alumni Conference Room.

**7 p.m.** Freshmen Emerging Leaders Seminar, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

**7 p.m.** CDPI Film Series and WRAP Session, presents "The Contender." Sponsored by the Center for Diversity, Pluralism and Inclusion. Admission is FREE and open to all. Hawkins Hall E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium.

### WEDNESDAY, OCT. 19

**7:30 p.m.** T.J. Sullivan's "Confronting the Idiot", sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

**10 p.m.** S.A. Senate

Meetings. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

### THURSDAY, OCT. 20

**8:30 a.m.** Genetics Conference, sponsored by Education Department. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

**12:30 p.m.** ACB Meetings, sponsored by SA Activities Coordination Board. Angell College Center Amnesty Room.

**2 p.m.** Fall 2005 Career Development Workshop Series, presents "Organizing an Effective Job Search." Kehoe 6th Floor Board Room.

**4 p.m.** The North Country Distinguished Business Address, sponsored by Canadian Studies, Center. The Hyman and Frances Krinovitz Recital Hall.

### FRIDAY, OCT. 21

**8 a.m.** Student Teacher Seminar, sponsored by Office of Field Experience. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

### SATURDAY, OCT. 22

**2 p.m.** Poker Tournament, sponsored by Marketing Association. Angell Center Alumni Conference Room.

**8 p.m.** Psychic Night, sponsored by PSU Late Night. Angell College Center.

### SATURDAY, OCT. 23

**6 p.m.** Monthly Reflection Meeting & Activity, sponsored by Plattsburgh Student Service Corps. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge and Warren Ballroom A.

### MONDAY, OCT. 25

**11 a.m.** Fall 2005 Career Development Workshop Series, presents "Choosing/Changing a Major or



Career." Kehoe 6th Floor Board Room.

**7 p.m.** Greek Future Leaders Seminar. Angell Center Alumni Conference Room.

**10 p.m.** SA Executive Council Meeting. Angell College Center Alumni Conference Room.

### **TUESDAY, OCT. 25**

**12 p.m.** LCP Series: "Ethics 101", sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Amnesty Room.

**12 p.m.** Celebration of Disability Presentation, sponsored by Center for Diversity Pluralism & Inclusion. Angell College Center Alumni Conference Room.

**1:30 p.m.** Weekly Parking Appeals Meeting, sponsored by University Police. Angell College Center Meeting Rooms 5 and 6.

**7 p.m.** Freshmen Emerging Leaders Seminar, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

### **WEDNESDAY, OCT. 26**

**10 p.m.** S.A. Senate Meetings. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

### **THURSDAY, OCT. 27**

**8 a.m.** Oppositional Teens Conference, sponsored by College Auxiliary Services. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

**10 a.m.** Fall 2005 Career Development Workshop Series, presents "Creating Resumes and Cover Letters." Kehoe 6th Floor Board Room.

**12:30 p.m.** ACB Meetings, sponsored by SA Activities Coordination Board. Angell College Center Amnesty Room.

**7 p.m.** Leadership Certification Film Discussion, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Alumni Conference Room.

**7 p.m.** Campus Halloween Party, sponsored by Banks Hall Council. Angell Center Warren Ballrooms.

### **FRIDAY, OCT. 28**

**8 p.m.** Bellydance event, sponsored by Asian Club. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

### **SATURDAY, OCT. 29**

**8 p.m.** Faculty Concert, Karen Becker & Friends.

New music faculty, Dr. Karen Becker, performs on piano with SUNY music faculty. FREE. Hawkins Hall E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium.

**10 p.m.** PSU Talent Showcase, sponsored by PSU Late Night. Angell College Center Flynt Commons.

### **MONDAY, OCT. 31**

**8 p.m.** Russell Banks Presentation, sponsored by Campus Life Office. Hawkins Hall E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium.

**10 p.m.** SA Executive Council Meeting. Angell College Center Alumni Conference Room.

### **TUESDAY, NOV. 1**

**12:15 p.m.** Fraternity/Sorority New Member Workshop, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Amnesty Room.

**1:30 p.m.** Weekly Parking Appeals Meeting, sponsored by University Police. Angell College Center Meeting Rooms 5 and 6.

**4 p.m.** The Criminal Brain: Prisons, Prisoners & Us, sponsored by Psychology

Department. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

**4:30 p.m.** Faculty Senate Executive Comm. Meeting. Angell College Center Meeting Room 1.

**7 p.m.** Freshmen Emerging Leaders Seminar, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

**7:30 p.m.** Visual Artist Series, presents Matt Wilt, Ceramics Artist. Sponsored by the Campus Arts Council with funding provided by the Student Association. Angell College Center Alumni Conference Room.

### **WEDNESDAY, NOV. 2**

**3 p.m.** Fall 2005 Career Development Workshop Series, presents "Delivering a Dynamic Interview." Kehoe 6th Floor Board Room.

**10 p.m.** S.A. Senate Meetings. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

### **THURSDAY, NOV. 3**

**8 a.m.** Explore Oncology Conference, sponsored by College Auxiliary Services. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

## **Center for Student Health and Psychological Services Fall 2005 Groups**

The Center for Student Health and Psychological Services offers the following Fall 2005 groups for students:

### **Psychotherapy Groups:**

Wednesdays, 11:00 am to noon

Facilitator: Kathryn Haendiges, Psy.D

Co-facilitator: Ms. Laci Charette

Starting Date: Call 564-3086 for details

OR

Fridays, 3:00 to 4:00 pm

Facilitator: Carol Shuttleworth, Ph.D

Co-facilitator: Ms. Erica Deyo

Starting Date: Call 564-3086 for details

These groups are intended to be safe places for students to process feelings, work on important relevant psychological issues, receive helpful feedback, and ask for support from others.

### **Bipolar Group**

Mondays, 3:00 to 4:00 pm

Facilitator: Christy Minck, M.A.

Starting Date: Call 564-3086 for details

Psychoeducational and support group designed to help

students who are dealing with bipolar disorders. Improve your understanding about the causes, symptoms, and triggers of bipolar disorders. Explore treatment methods, create a relapse prevention plan, gain coping skills, and receive feedback from peers in a supportive environment.

### **Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered Support Group**

Thursdays, 3:00 to 4:00 pm

Facilitator: Kathryn Haendiges, Psy.D

Starting Date: Call 564-3086 for details

This group is designed to provide a safe and supportive environment for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgendered individuals to discuss general mental health issues. A broad range of topics is possible and might include coming out concerns, relationship issues, self-esteem, and identity development.

To register for any of the following groups, call 564-3086. All calls are strictly confidential. Groups will be held in the Student Health Center Conference Room, #148.



## Upcoming Music and Theatre Events in October, November

The Music and Theatre departments at SUNY Plattsburgh have a full line up of entertainment scheduled for October and November. For more information on any of these events, contact the departments at 564-2180.

**Saturday, Oct. 15 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Studio Theatre, Myers Fine Arts Building. Guest Alumna Workshop by Jen Byrne, class of 1999.**

Byrne will present "Putting Over a Song: From Audition to Performance." Admission is free and the public is invited to observe. For those who would like to participate,

Byrne requests that they bring a musical theatre song they intend to work on for an audition or future use.

Byrne has been involved with such productions as *The Pirates of Penzance*, *It's Karate Kid the Musical*, *From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler* and *Singin' in the Rain*.

Her special skills include accents, hand-to-hand stage combat, puppet dancer, physical acting (mime), clowning and a bad Carol Channing impression.

**Wednesday, Oct. 19 at 8 p.m. in the Hartman Theatre, Myers Fine Arts Building. *The Lieutenant of Inishmore* by Martin McDonagh.**

The College Theatre Association will present *The Lieutenant of Inishmore* reader's theatre style under the direction of Nicholas Dubay. Reader's theatre is minimal theater in support of literature and reading so that the text becomes the most important concept. Students use their voices, facial expressions and hand gestures to interpret characters in scripts and stories.

*The Lieutenant* is set on one of the Aran Islands in 1993 and considers the life of a notorious political terrorist named Mad Padraic. The play contains strong language. Admission is free.

**Wednesday, Oct. 19 4:30 p.m. in the Room 112, Myers**

**Fine Arts Building. Lecture by Dr. Sara Doncaster.**

The Music Department and Women's Studies Program present Doncaster who will speak on her recent music and creative process.

Doncaster, a composer, will discuss the genesis of *Supernatural Songs*, a work for 14 musicians and four singers based on the poetry of William Butler Yeats. The presentation will include recordings of many of her compositions. The lecture is free and open to the public.

**Friday and Saturday, Oct. 21 and 22 at 8 p.m. in the Studio Theatre, Myers Fine Arts Building. A Student Night of One Acts.**

The College Theatre Association presents a student night of one acts -- all performances are student written, directed and produced. Five one-act plays have been chosen for these two evenings. (College humor will apply.) Tickets are \$2 at the door. This event is sponsored by the Student Association through the Campus Arts Council.

**Wednesday through Friday, Nov. 9 - 12 at 8 p.m. in the Hartman Theatre, Myers Fine Arts Building. *The Cripple of Inishmaan* by Martin McDonagh.**

The Theatre Department presents *The Cripple of Inishmaan* directed by John Shout, professor of theatre and English. The play is set on a remote island off the west coast of Ireland in 1934. The story is a strange comic tale in the great tradition of Irish storytelling.

Advance tickets may be purchased starting Oct. 15 at the Angell College Center Information Desk until 10 p.m. each night. Tickets will also be available on the night of the shows at the Hartman Theatre Box Office. Tickets are \$12 for general admission; \$8 for alumni, faculty, staff, non-SUNY Plattsburgh students and seniors; and \$2 for SUNY Plattsburgh students. (Play contains strong language.)

## Winter Session Registration Begins Oct. 23

Winter Session at SUNY Plattsburgh offers a wealth of exciting and unique learning opportunities for students of all ages.

SUNY Plattsburgh is one of the largest providers of winter session courses among all SUNY schools.

Winter Session began in 2000 with eight course offerings and has successfully expanded the number of offerings to nearly 50 this year.

Last year, more than 500 students enrolled in Winter Session. The increasing demand has prompted a greater variety of courses to be offered including general education courses, online courses, experiential courses that take students outside of the classroom, and courses that allow students to make progress toward their degree.

More and more students have become aware of Winter Session and

are taking advantage of the opportunity to graduate early or on time.

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Others want to reduce their course load, increase their GPA, or take a unique course. Students say that Winter Session is a convenient time to take courses, and they enjoy having more time to concentrate on one course.

This year, a five-week Online Session has been implemented to allow

faculty to develop and offer more online courses. As a result, more than 15 online courses will be offered, making it even more convenient for students to take a winter session course.

The five-week session will also allow students the option of taking up to six credits during Winter Session while the shorter two- and three-week course sessions allow a maximum of three or four credits respectively.

Although some course dates may vary, the Online Session will run from Dec. 19 to Jan. 20, 2006, and the On-Campus Session will be held from Jan. 2 to 20, 2006.

Winter session registration begins Oct. 23 and continues until Dec. 30.

For more information, students should discuss Winter Session with their advisor or visit [www.plattsburgh.edu/academics/winter/](http://www.plattsburgh.edu/academics/winter/).



# FOCUS

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## Turkish Delegation Visits SUNY Plattsburgh

A delegation from Sakarya University in Turkey visited SUNY Plattsburgh Oct. 15 - 18 to discuss a possible student exchange program.

The group included Dr. Mehmet Durman, president of the university; Dr. Ugur Celtekliligil, professor and chair of the electrical machines division in the Engineering and Electronics Department and SUNY Program coordinator; Dr. Mehmet Ali Yalcin, dean of the faculty of engineering; and Dr. Zafer Demir, general secretary of Sakarya University.

"It was my pleasure to greet the delegation from Turkey and to welcome them to our campus," said President John Ettling. "It was nice to see them again and to have the opportunity to show them our College and its students, faculty and staff."

Ettling and his wife, Lisa Lewis, adjunct lecturer of English, visited Sakarya University last winter and held meetings with college officials on

the Turkish campus.

While here, the Turkish delegation met with faculty in the School of Business and Economics and the Computer Science Department. The group also received a tour of campus and had the opportunity to meet with administrators and faculty from across campus.

The visit was part of an ongoing partnership between SUNY Plattsburgh and Sakarya University.

The two institutions are investigating student exchange opportunities for Turkish students to come to Plattsburgh. These students would learn and study English, possibly dur-



**While on campus, the Turkish delegation met with members of the hotel, restaurant and tourism management faculty.**

ing their summer break, which begins the first of July and ends in late September.

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## SUNY Plattsburgh Campus Features Wireless Environments

Wireless service continues to grow at SUNY Plattsburgh. Laptops and other devices like PDAs or Blackberrys properly configured for the wireless environment can now access Internet and campus network services without the restriction of physically plugging into a "wired" network jack.

Access to popular services such as Email, Internet browsing and instant messaging is now available in designated wireless serviceable areas on campus. One of the primary benefits of wireless services is increased mobility and flexibility for access to network services. A wireless network is intended for mobile users as a supplement to the capabilities of a "wired" network infrastructure.

These serviceable areas include: Angell College Center (first floor exhibit area, Flynt Commons, Alumni Conference Room, Warren Ballrooms, Cardinal Lounge, Adult Student Center, Skylight Cafe, second floor meeting rooms and WOW on the first floor); Beaumont Hall (room

407 and room 301F); Feinberg Library (room 105, expanded lab area, Special Collections, second and third floor seating area across from study carrels, second and third floor carrels, Electronic Search Center and the Learning Center); Hawkins Hall (Krinovitz Recital Hall, Honors Center, first floor patio, room 053 labs and conference room and rooms 153B, C and D); Redcay Hall (classrooms, lobby and the Mowry Conference Room); Sibley Hall (Samuel D's Restaurant); and Yokum Hall (rooms 200, 202, 205, 206 and 208).

Network Operations is continuing to explore the expansion of wireless areas on campus.

Not all locations have electrical outlets for the laptops, so users should remember to bring an extra battery.

Bandwidth (network usage) is shared among all users connected in a wireless serviceable area. As a result, network

*(See Wireless, Page 2)*



## Silent Art Auction to Benefit Osborn Endowment Fund

The Art Department is hosting a Silent Art Auction on Thursday, Nov. 17, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in the lobby of the Myers Fine Arts Building. The auction will feature a wide range of artwork by students and alumni of the art program. Works will include print-making, photography, ceramics, sculptures and paintings.

This will be the third such auction held by the Art Department. This year, the auction will benefit the Don Osborn Endowment Fund in support of the Plattsburgh State Sculpture Park through the Plattsburgh College Foundation.

"Our sculpture park is one of the aspects on campus that is unique in the SUNY system and colleges in general," said Diane Fine, professor of art. "The money in this fund would be used for upkeep, moving and interpretation through publishing brochures that make the park an accessible and rich learning experience for our students and community."

During the silent auction, artwork will be displayed on tables with a piece of paper placed beside it. Those interested in purchasing the work can write a bid on the paper. If someone else offers a higher bid, the first person must decide to raise the bid. Each work will be "on auction" for a specified period of time so someone doesn't have to stay for the entire time to win a bid and buy the art.



**Alumni from the Art Department returned this summer to prepare works for the art auction. L-r: Kathy O'Connell '02, Denise St. Onge '94, Melanie Finlaysen '04, Justin Rabideau '02, Diane Fine and Tina Lamour '04.**

This past summer, six art alumni gathered for a weekend of art-making specifically for the art auction. Justin Rabideau '02, Kathy O'Connell '02, Denise St. Onge '94, Shannon Hayes '99, Melanie Finlaysen '04 and Tina Lamour '04 traveled from as far away as Colorado to create pieces that will be auctioned off on Nov. 17.

"I was happy to come back here and to give something back in the name of Don and Plattsburgh in general," said Rabideau, who is currently working on his MFA from the University of Georgia in Athens. "I'm glad to donate my time and energy toward something I feel strongly about."

Lamour, who is working on her MFA at the University of Colorado in Boulder, said that she was also excited to be back on campus.

"Don's commitment to the Sculpture Park is contagious. It is exciting to know that his vision for the College will continue on in the form of this endowment and that I can be a part of it," said Lamour.

Four current students, Tina Hasel, Rachel Barde, Naresh Francois and Patsy Detweiler, are helping to coordinate the auction through an independent study project.

"The last two experiences with this project were very rich for all involved," said Fine. "Students were able to help by sharing their creativity, and the College community had the pleasure of looking at and buying original artwork."

The auction, free and open to the public, will feature live music and refreshments. For more information, contact Fine at 564-2461 or Email her at [diane.fine@plattsburgh.edu](mailto:diane.fine@plattsburgh.edu)



**Relief print of Don Osborn's sculpture, "Thoughts of Pheidias" by Justin Rabideau. The print will be auctioned at the silent auction Nov. 17.**

### Wireless (Continued from Page 1)

response time may be noticeably slower and inconsistent compared to a "wired" network. Network Operations recommends wireless for "low bandwidth" services such as Email, Web browsing and instant messaging. Wireless is not recommended for streaming audio/ video, very large downloads or viewing extremely graphic-intensive Web sites.

To connect to wireless serviceable areas on campus, the user will need a laptop compatible with a wireless network card, an available PCMCIA slot or a built-in wireless network card, a Plattsburgh State recommended wire-

less card and Plattsburgh State NetID for first time wireless registration.

To connect to the wireless network, the user will need a laptop computer equipped with an external Type II or Type III PC card slot. Specific laptop requirements (processor, memory, operating system, etc.) are usually printed on the wireless card packaging. A laptop purchased with "built-in" wireless network services does not require any additional equipment.

Configuring a laptop for a wireless environment can be accomplished by simply opening a browser (Internet Explorer, Netscape, etc.) while within

a wireless serviceable area. If the laptop's wireless network card is properly installed, the browser will display a "Plattsburgh State Wireless Registration" web page/registration form. Wireless services will be available after completing the registration form and a reboot.

Not everyone can connect to the Plattsburgh State wireless network. Authentication (PSU NetID) is required during the wireless registration process in order to configure a laptop for wireless services.



## New Executive Director of Marketing and Public Relations

SUNY Plattsburgh has named John Kho its executive director of marketing and public relations.

Kho comes to Plattsburgh from the Chicago area, where he was the vice president and account director for Ad Asylum, a communications agency.

Kho said he was drawn to working in higher education soon after he and his wife, Peggy, began looking at colleges with their son, David, a student at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

"Colleges make a difference in the lives of students, and I'm excited about playing a part in that," said Kho, a local product who attended Northeastern Clinton Central High School.

Kho earned his bachelor's in communication arts from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. His first professional position was as a staff writer for the Press-Republican in



Kho

Plattsburgh. He later was a public-relations writer for Penn State University and a trade-journal writer for Credit Union National Association in Madison, Wis.

Kho reports directly to Nancy Dailey, vice president for institutional advancement.

"I'd like to welcome John to the team at SUNY Plattsburgh," said Dailey. "I know that with his strong background in marketing and communications, he'll be an important

asset in helping us represent and promote SUNY Plattsburgh and its faculty, students, alumni and programs."

Frances Hagen Dumenci has been named the director of public relations at SUNY Plattsburgh. She was formerly the assistant director. She will report to John Kho, the new executive director of marketing and public relations.

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## Annual SEFA Campaign Under Way

The 2005 State Employees Federated Appeal (SEFA) Campaign is under way at SUNY Plattsburgh.

This year's campaign is co-chaired by Peter Luguri '73 G'79, assistant vice president for student affairs and enrollment management, and Marlyn Cotter in the accounting office. The goal for this year is \$50,000 and the campaign will end on Dec. 2.

The campaign received leadership gifts totaling \$7,600, which is 15 percent of the goal, from members of the Executive Council along with a few other individuals.

SEFA is the only authorized charitable solicitation of state employees. SEFA is a federated campaign, meaning that a variety of health, human services, environmental and advocacy federations and agencies participate.

State employees may give through payroll deduction or by a cash or check gift.

"We've had a proud history of participation in the campaign on this campus," said Luguri. "We urge people to continue with their generosity and to support this year's SEFA Campaign."

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## Affirmative Action in the Workplace

A panel and audience discussion on "Affirmative Action in the Workplace" will be held Wednesday, Nov. 9, at 7 p.m. in the Cardinal Lounge, Angell College Center.

Panel members will include: Dr. John Ettling, president of Plattsburgh State; Dr. William Gaeddert, professor of psychology; and Dr. Neal Duffy, associate professor of economics and finance.

Sponsored by the Office of Affirmative Action, the discussion is open to students, faculty, staff and members of the community.

For more information on affirmative action at SUNY Plattsburgh, visit [www.plattsburgh.edu/policies/affirmativeaction](http://www.plattsburgh.edu/policies/affirmativeaction)



Alpha Chi Rho (AXP) recently hosted a "Meet Your Neighbors" event at its fraternity house on Brinkerhoff Street. The event is part of an off-campus outreach program designed to improve relations among off-campus students, neighboring community members and college and city officials. Campus officials, student government leaders, members of FAIR (For All Interested Residents) and community members enjoyed apple cider and donuts on the porch.



## Alumni Visit Plattsburgh for Homecoming 2005

**Below:** Rose Anderson '95, director of Alumni Affairs, stands with Ruth Decker Spieske, a 97-year-old class of 1930 alumna of SUNY Plattsburgh. In 1930, students were given certificates at the completion of their teacher training and not diplomas. During the Golden Anniversary Brunch at Homecoming, Spieske was presented with an honorary diploma from SUNY Plattsburgh by President John Ettling.

**Right, top:** William Laundry, interim vice president for Student Affairs, and Cheryl Hogle, who retired as assistant vice president for Student Affairs in 1999, were the guests of honor during the Residence Hall Staff Reunion at Homecoming. Among the many accolades, Laundry was bestowed honorary alumnus status by Douglas Sloan '91, president of the Alumni Association.

**Right, middle:** Olympic Champion Billy Mills, who was born and raised on Pine Ridge Indian Reservation (S.D.), presented a motivational talk on Friday of Homecoming. Mills won a gold medal in the 10,000-meters race in 1964 Tokyo Olympic Games.

**Right, bottom:** Athletic Director Bruce Delventhal congratulates Susan Kirwin '95, the newest member of the Cardinal Sports Hall of Fame. Kirwin, a powerhouse on the soccer field as a goaltender and a member of the women's soccer first team All- SUNYAC in 1993, was inducted into the Hall of Fame on Saturday of Homecoming.



### *Turkish visit (Continued from Page 1)*

Talks were also held about students from Sakarya taking business or computer science courses, perhaps for up to one year at SUNY Plattsburgh. These students would get credits toward completion of their programs at Sakarya.

"The delegation was here to gain greater familiarity with us as a campus," said Dr. Robert Golden, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs. "They were impressed with our campus as a potential academic home for some of their students."

Golden continued, "During their visit, the delegation explored possible programs in English as a Second Language as well as programs in computer science, business, and hotel, restaurant and tourism management."

According to Golden, the Turkish delegation indicated that they were impressed by the beauty of the Adirondack and Lake Champlain region, the appearance and friendliness of the campus and the support services available for students.

"The partnership is good for us since it offers one more avenue to attract highly qualified international students to Plattsburgh," said Golden.

"The program is good for Sakarya University since it offers their students an opportunity to improve their mastery of English and to become familiar with the United States while also developing their expertise in the area of their major."



## Social Work Faculty and Students Present Workshop at Conference

Students and faculty of the Social Work Department recently traveled to Saratoga Springs, N.Y., to present a workshop at the New York State Social Work Education Association's 38th Annual Conference. The theme of this year's conference was, "Diversity Within and Beyond our Borders," and was attended by faculty and students from across the State of New York.

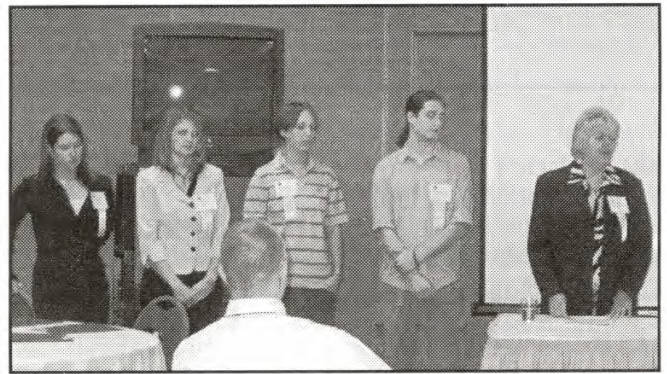
The workshop, "Exploring Gender Diversity Issues in Generalist Practice," was based on a short videotape completed in spring 2005 by social work students Robert Poltenovage, a senior from Warwick, N.Y.; Tiffany Rock, a senior from Altona, N.Y.; Victoria Poirier, a senior from Tupper Lake, N.Y.; Jamie Martin, a senior from Tupper Lake, N.Y.; and Ashley Balcum, a senior from Liverpool, N.Y.

The videotape was part of a required course, "Cultural and Ethnic Diversity," taught by Dr. Lynne Soine, associate professor and chair of social work, who traveled to the conference with the students.

"The videotape and presentation focused on transgender and gay and lesbian issues," said Poltenovage. "The video was one part of the project. We worked well together and covered serious topics, yet we had fun with it."

Following the videotape, the workshop led into an interactive discussion of gender diversity issues facing social work.

Other faculty members in the Social Work Department who participated in the workshop included: Dr. Peg Ballantine, assistant professor; Dr. Margaretha



**Dr. Lynne Soine and the students at the Social Work Education Conference in Saratoga Springs, N.Y.**

Wilcke, assistant professor; Tawnya McDonald, lecturer; and Vanessa Young, adjunct lecturer.

"It was interesting to go to other workshops while at the conference to see other work," said Poirier. "We're thankful to Dr. Soine for her help."

"This was quite an honor to present this workshop," said Martin. "It felt good to have our hard work appreciated. It also gave us a great opportunity to network with students and faculty throughout New York State and to get some graduate school information."

The students were able to attend the conference with the help of a College Auxiliary Services Student Academic Travel Grant.

## Spotlight

on faculty and staff

**Dr. Anna Battigelli**, professor of English, presented a paper on "John Dryden's *Annus Mirabilis* and the City of London" at the annual meeting of the Northeast American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies in Fredericton, New Brunswick. She is currently

vice president of the society and coordinator of the Executive Board's Election Slate.

**Dr. James M. Lindgren**, professor of history, contributed the essay, "Historic Sites and Preservation Movements," as well as the entries on "Bunker Hill Monument," "Historic Houses" and "William Sumner Appleton, Jr.," to the recently published *The Encyclopedia of New England: The Culture and History of an American Region*, edited by Burt Feintuch and David H. Watters (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2005).

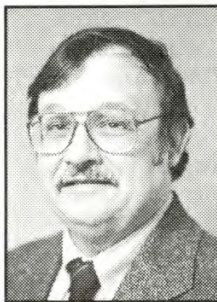
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The College Theatre Association presents its second production of the semester, "The Smell of the Kill," by Michele Lowe, on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 4 and 5 at 8 p.m. in the Studio Theatre.

Student Bruce Townsend will direct the play, which is about three couples who have been enjoying a monthly dinner party for years.

On this particular night, the party takes an unexpected turn -- the husbands get stuck inside a new walk-in meat freezer. Join the three women as they work through the ultimate question -- the pros and cons of "What to do now?"

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Mansfield said his focus for the fellowship is two-fold. He plans to investigate factors that influence plagiarism in student work, and he will strive to acquire expertise in issues relating to professional ethics in psychology.

"My interest in plagiarism started in my second year teaching at Plattsburgh," Mansfield said. "I was concerned that many students in my

general psychology class were copying material directly from the class textbook into their homework. In some cases, the copying was obvious, but I realized that without being intimate with the precise wording in the entire textbook, there were probably other cases of copying that I was not noticing."

In response, Mansfield created a software program to scan homework and finds matches within the textbook to what students had written.

"I use the output of this analysis as a teaching tool," he said. "I provide students with a copy of their work with the copied portions highlighted. This allows students to monitor how well they are avoiding plagiarism and encourages a more responsible writing strategy."

Mansfield said that he looked forward to his time in the Institute and that his "activities as a fellow will give me a deeper understanding of ethical issues so that I will be able to make a substantial contribution to the Psychology Department."

Schnackenberg will spend her time "investigating the introduction of technology into 'emerging' countries," she said. "I'm particularly interested in the idea that the Internet and technology are carriers of Western values and culture. I'm researching how educational technology professionals attend to this idea and how distance education is impacted by this claim."

She said this introduction "can be a good thing if a country has or wants

to adopt Western values. Technology in that case is a wonderful way of being exposed to our values and ways of doing things. However, integrating technology into a culture without that knowledge that it carries particular values and customs can run counter to the aims of what a non-Western culture believes or wants to accomplish through technology."

Gottschall, who teaches U.S. constitutional law, U.S. civil liberties and introduction to law, said his focus as a fellow will turn north to study the history of judicial interpretation of the new Canadian Charter of Rights.

"(Being a fellow) is a chance to be a student again," he said. "I had been increasingly interested in Canada's surprising, and to me inexplicable, turn to American style judicial activism in its revolutionary 1982 adoption of a Charter of Rights to be enforced primarily by an unelected judiciary."

"The Institute allows me the time to do a comparative study of judicial activism in Canada and the United States and to try to understand the Canadian turn toward the U.S. model, albeit with significant modifications, for protecting fundamental rights. Surprisingly, my attention has begun to turn from why did they do it to what can we learn from their variations on our theme."



**John Dieker, general manager for Bombardier Transportation Plattsburgh Operations, was the speaker at the Inaugural North Country Distinguished Business Address on Thursday, Oct. 20. The address, sponsored by the Center for the Study of Canada at SUNY Plattsburgh and The Development Corporation, was titled, "A World Leader in Transportation, Right Here in Plattsburgh." Dieker spoke about Bombardier's operations in Plattsburgh as the final assembly point for railcars built for major metropolitan cities around the world. More than 600 employees at the Plattsburgh plant have produced more than 2,000 commuter railcars. Dieker has been the general manager in Plattsburgh since 2003. Community business leaders, Plattsburgh State faculty and students, Bombardier employees and representatives from Canada were among those in attendance.**



# FOCUS

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## Important Vote for SA Dec. 6

Springfest. PSU Late Night. Ski Trips. More than 64 student clubs and organizations. Intramurals. Tutors in the Claude J. Clark Learning Center. Burghy Video Den. SA shuttle. Art acquisition. Musical productions.

And the list goes on for all the ways the Student Association at SUNY Plattsburgh supports events, programs, services and activities on and off campus.

The funding for these programs comes directly from the mandatory Student Association fee that every student pays. The \$65 a semester fee happens to be one of the lowest among all the SUNY comprehensive colleges and allows the Student Association to improve the quality of life of all students at the College.

Along with the general election of SA officers and senators on Tuesday, Dec. 6, students will also be voting on referendum #1, to support or not support the mandatory SA fee.

"The loss of the fee would dramatically impact the quality of life for students, both in and out of the classroom," said Michael Cashman, current SA president. "Failure to pass the mandatory fee referendum would devastate our ability to support various entities of the College. Many of these are not always associated with the SA. For example, learning center tutors, we provide part of their salaries."

Karin Killough, director of the learning center, said that the support the center receives from the SA is invaluable.

"The learning center is committed to providing quality academic support services to all undergraduate students. In order to achieve that goal, we need the appropriate resources," said Killough. "Without question, the Student Association is there for us - year in and year out. The SA helps to fund several programs in the center - including the peer tutoring program,



**The Student Association funds many events throughout the year, including Springfest.**

the Learning to Learn Workshop Series and the ever-popular coffee and donuts that keep our students going during the finals week marathon."

The Student Association also supports several volunteer programs

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## Freshmen Students Pleased with First Year Experience

Going away to college for the first time can be an overwhelming experience. Leaving family and friends, meeting new people, finding your way around a campus and learning about yourself can feel like a lonely process. Because of these universal feelings that freshmen in college experience, SUNY Plattsburgh developed a unique way to help improve the first year experience.

In its inaugural year, the Whiteface Initiative for Student Engagement (WISE) is drawing praises from students, faculty and staff as the program strives to help students become more self-aware, self-empowered and engaged on campus.

According to Peter Luguri, assistant vice president for student affairs and director of First-Year Programs and Retention Efforts, the early feedback is positive.

"We're very encouraged by the response in the inaugural semester," said Luguri. "If the feedback continues this

way, the WISE program may be expanded into another residence hall so that we can begin to serve half of the incoming class. If it continues to be successful, the program may some day be expanded so that all first-year students are able to take advantage of these resources."

Currently, a quarter of the incoming freshmen class, or 240 first-year students, live together in Whiteface Residence Hall. This is the first time an entire residence hall has been dedicated solely to first-year students.

The students are split into groups of 30 and are assigned a "Connection Team," which consists of a resident assistant, two resident mentors and a faculty mentor advisor. The team provides support for the first-year students in every aspect of their academic and social lives while they work their way through their first year at college.

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## Overseas Educational Advisors Visit SUNY Plattsburgh

Overseas educational advisors posted at U.S. Embassy Public Affairs offices, Fulbright Commissions, local colleges and universities and bi-national centers help foreign students learn about higher education in the United States. There are about 450 overseas advising centers in the EducationUSA network worldwide, affiliated with the U.S. Department of State. A small group of these advisors recently visited the SUNY Plattsburgh Campus.

The group also visited other institutions of higher education in the greater North Country region, including Clinton Community College, Clarkson University, SUNY Canton, St. Lawrence University, SUNY Potsdam and the University of Vermont.

Jacqueline Vogl, director of international student services at SUNY Plattsburgh, hosted the group during its visit to the College.

"The main goal of the campus visits to all of the participating schools is for us to provide information about our institutions so that the advisors can inform prospective students in a thorough and accurate way," said Vogl. "Also, the campus visits allow all of us to share best practices about how to serve the students with whom we work both in their home countries, through the educational advising centers, and on our campuses."

Vogl said that the visit on this campus went very well.

"The advisors commented several times on the warm welcome," she said. "They talked to many faculty and staff members on our campus. They also commented positively on the depth and breadth of support provided to international students at Plattsburgh. They indicated that this is a campus where they believe their students would be well cared for, supported and most welcomed."

Vogl said the visit was beneficial to both the advisors and to SUNY Plattsburgh.



**Left to right: Silvia Perez, advisor from Mexico; Patricia Bailey, representative from Clarkson University; Maria Mercedes Salmon, advisor from Ecuador; Aly Babaly Sy, advisor from Mauritania; Nurise Widjaya, advisor from Indonesia; Gulsen Oztoparak, advisor from Cyprus; Betsy Libby - Canton, Martha Hewitt, representative from Clinton Community College; Jackie Girard Vogl, from SUNY Plattsburgh.**

"The advisors feel much more able to respond to prospective student inquires about Plattsburgh having seen and experienced our campus for themselves," said Vogl. "For SUNY Plattsburgh, this was an extraordinary opportunity to make a positive impression on five professionals whose guidance is sought by thousands of students interested in studying in the U.S. each year. In addition, these five advisors will make a presentation to advisors from 15 other countries participating in the same program. Therefore, there will be a ripple effect throughout the world as a result of this three-day visit."

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### *SA Vote (Continued from Page 1)*

through the Center for Service Learning and Volunteerism.

"Each year, the SA makes a contribution towards the Alternative Winter and Spring Break Program, which have grown in popularity over the years," said Cori Matthews, director of the center. "The SA also supports Project HELP. Last year, nearly 700 students volunteered through Project HELP. We greatly appreciate the SA's support of these enriching co-curricular experiences for students."

Voting on the SA fee is mandated by the SUNY Board of Trustees and must take place every two years.

William Laundry, interim vice president for student affairs, said that if the SA fee were not mandatory, the association would not be able to work effectively.

"The mandatory SA fee is crucial for the continued operation of the SA in terms of their ability to plan and ability to support the same array of services that they do now," said Laundry. "Without a mandatory fee, it will make it that much harder for the SA to budget for all the clubs, organizations, programs, events - everything that they do."

Steve Matthews, dean of students, encourages all students to vote in the upcoming election.

"SA funding is extremely important to the vitality and collegiality of our community," said Matthews. "The College values the input and collaboration of our Student Association, and we consider them real partners in the College's ability to educate students."

The voting will start at 8 a.m. online at <http://evote.plattsburgh.edu>. Students will be able to vote throughout the day until 7 p.m.

The general election will include candidates for nine executive positions (SA president and vice presidents), 15 senators and five judicial officers.

"Since 1963, the Student Association has been representing the interests of the student body and greater campus community," said Cashman. "But for us to continue this legacy, we need to keep the SA fee mandatory. We need the support of the entire campus. Students need to be informed of the importance of this vote, and faculty, staff and the administration can help us to spread the word. We need faculty to help us remind students to vote on Dec. 6."



# Forensics Team Wins Big in Pennsylvania

The SUNY Plattsburgh Forensics Team is having a winning season this semester. The team recently competed at Bloomsburg University in Bloomsburg, Penn., beating both Cornell University and Pennsylvania State University. This win ranked SUNY Plattsburgh number one in Division 3 Forensics.

"We have been very fortunate with the team this year," said Nora Montanaro, lecturer in communication and the team's faculty advisor. "They are very young and very willing to work hard for the team's success."

Forensics returned to Plattsburgh about three years ago as a two or three credit course. The College was the first school in the region to originally offer Forensics, which boasts many prominent alumni as former team members.

During tournaments, the team is graded by judges on different aspects. Competitions include After-Dinner Speaking, Oral Interpretation, Informative Speaking, Poetry Interpretation and Impromptu. Judges range from journalist and

lawyers to politicians and professors.

Student speakers are judged on presentation, emotion/expression, audience interaction and content.

"Forensics is like a full-time job," said senior Tonia D'Agostino, the team's vice president. "You have to be devoted and love public speaking."

Forensics is divided into three divisions, which are determined by the number of students on a team. SUNY Plattsburgh is in Division 3, but competes against both Division 1 and 2 schools.

This year's team is very diverse, with students ranging from freshman to seniors.

"This is my first year on the team," said D'Agostino. "I'm in my last year of school; I wish I had known about this in my earlier years."

Nick Kelly said that the Forensics Team has given him many experiences that can later be applied in real-life settings.

"Forensics has helped me in so many ways," said Kelly, a freshman and team treasurer. "I have learned

about time management, as well as valuable research skills. I've learned about poise and diction, and my speaking skills have improved very much."

The main roadblock facing the Forensics Team is lack of budget.

"These are some of the most hard-working students I have ever worked with," said Montanaro. "But they aren't getting the recognition that is deserved. It is very hard to get the team to meets."

"I wish more people knew about our team," said Kelly. "If you aren't in Speech Communications, there is a very high chance you will not know anything about forensics."

The Forensics Team will continue to compete at tournaments until they qualify for Nationals.

"The students who participate in forensics are ambassadors for Plattsburgh," said Montanaro. "They help show the academic reputation of our school. They are true leaders."

-- Molly Byrne, PR Intern



Annette Yordan (center) was the special guest during a recent commemorative ceremony of "The Yordan Collection" held in the Institute for Ethics in Public Life. Dr. John Yordan, professor of philosophy, had been actively engaged at the Institute since its inception in 1999. After his death in May, his wife, Annette, donated her late husband's books to the Ethics Institute. President John Ettling (left), Dr. Thomas Moran (right), distinguished service professor and director of the institute, and other participants honored Dr. Yordan's memory and thanked Annette for her support by commemorating her donation as "The Yordan Collection." The ceremony was followed by an Open House that gave members of the campus community the opportunity to visit the Institute's new offices in Hawkins 233.

## International Week Events

Several events will be held Monday through Wednesday, Nov. 14 - 16 in celebration of International Week at SUNY Plattsburgh.

On Monday, Nov. 14, an International Fair will be held in the Angell College Center Lobby from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The fair, free and open to all, is sponsored by International Student Services and International Education Office. The fair will feature information booths about numerous countries, hosted by international student clubs.

Students are invited to participate in International Jeopardy on Tuesday, Nov. 15 in the Alumni Conference Room, Angell College Center from 7:30 to 9 p.m. All Plattsburgh State students are welcome to participate. Faculty, staff and community members are invited to watch and cheer the students on. International Student Services and the International Education Office is sponsoring this event.

A special presentation on Wednesday, Nov. 16, at 4 p.m. in the Krinovitz Recital Hall, Hawkins Hall will feature Mark Pendergrast, author of the book, *Uncommon Grounds: Coffee and How it Transformed Our World*. Fair trade coffee will be served during the presentation, which will be hosted by the International Education Office. The presentation is free and open to the public.

For more information, please contact International Student Services at 564-3287, or Dr. Bryan Higgins, director of International Education, at 564-2406.



## Weather-Related Class Cancellation Information

Winter brings inclement weather, and there will be days when SUNY Plattsburgh will cancel or delay the start of classes. Decisions to cancel or delay classes will be made as early as possible, preferably before 6 a.m. so notification to the students and employees can be made as soon as possible. When classes are cancelled during normal business hours, notification to the media will be issued as soon as possible as well. Faculty, staff and students will be able to ascertain the status of classes on these days through several channels of communication:

1. A message will be sent to the campus community via email as an Emergency/Critical Announcement.
2. Students can call the CLAS INFO Line (564-2527) for status of classes.
3. Employees can call the SNOW Line (564-7669) for the status of campus activities.
4. A news release will be posted on the College's News and Press Releases page at [www.plattsburgh.edu/news](http://www.plattsburgh.edu/news)
5. Radio and television will be notified as soon as a decision is made.

These media outlets will be notified:

### Radio

**Campus:** WQKE 93.3 FM

**Plattsburgh:** WIRY 1340 AM; WSLU 88.3 FM

Burlington: WEZF 92.9 FM; WOKO 98.9 FM; WKOL 105.1 FM; WXXX 95.5 FM; WJOY 1230 AM; WKDR 1390 AM; WIZN 106.7 FM; WBTZ 99.9 FM

**Tri-Lakes (Saranac Lake, Lake Placid):** WNBZ 1240 AM; WYZY 106.3; WIRD 920 AM; WLPW 105.5 FM  
Malone/Chateaugay: WICY 1490 AM; WNVN 96.5 FM; WYUL 94.7 FM; WSLU 90.5 FM; WSLU 90.9 FM

### Television

WPTZ Channel 5 (Plattsburgh) and WCAX Channel 3 (Burlington).

Students, faculty and staff are advised that weather conditions may not lead to the cancellation of classes, but everyone traveling to campus should travel with caution and care.

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The resident assistants live along side the students in Whiteface Hall and are responsible for enforcing the rules; keeping students safe and helping them adjust to their new surroundings.

"The point of the program is to increase the quality of life at Plattsburgh State," said Kim Garrison, a resident assistant in Whiteface Hall. "Working as a team, the resident advisors, resident mentors and faculty advisors help keep each other informed. This way we can keep any of the students from falling through the cracks. Because of this, we can better help them adjust to college life and make their freshman year as positive as possible."

As a sophomore and anthropology major from Canajoharie, N.Y., Garrison is an active member of the campus community and believes in student engagement.

The students participating in the WISE program are also in agreement with Garrison about early engagement.

"The residents assistants and mentors are constantly reminding us that every student in Whiteface is going through his or her freshman year with the same feelings and that we are all trying to adjust," said Ashley Mancuso, a freshman sociology major and Peru, N.Y. native. "We are encouraged to participate in the programs, which definitely involves us with other students our age and gives us a great opportunity. They are also there to help us get through registering and give us tips for the right classes."

"WISE is a great way for students to experience their freshman year," said Rachel Bark, a resident mentor in Whiteface Hall and a junior majoring in childhood special education from Perry, N.Y. "Having three upper level classmates to help guide them is definitely a great resource that is now available to them."

Resident mentors are upper level students who serve as role models for the first-year students.

The faculty mentor advisors help students take the right path academically by helping them choose their classes and decide on their majors.

"My primary objective is to create an environment that, at the same time, makes the student feel connected and comfortable here while also challenging them to grow and succeed academically and personally," said Dr. Edward Miller, professor of chemistry and a faculty mentor. "The first semester has gone well. It has been a learning experience trying to determine the right mix of challenging and advising as well as creating the best opportunities for effective interaction with the students."

Dr. Jon Chatlos, assistant professor of English and also a faculty mentor, added, "The first semester is going very well. The program is well organized. Enthusiasm is high. Our students in Whiteface are bonding effectively with the College and community."

The advisors are also responsible for the Friday night events that are designed to bring the first-year students together and give them an alternative to off campus activities.

The Friday night events hosted by the WISE staff have offered many activities for the students. Kicking off the year with a successful "Capture the Flag" game, they then hosted a Carnival that was attended by more than 100 students. Before the end of the semester, more events are planned to engage students including community service opportunities.

"The Friday Night Events are great," said Jessica Godbot, a freshman business major from Littleton, N.H. "The events are a great alternative to the usual things that students do on the weekends. The resident mentors and resident assistants are also a great help."

Luguri said that the success of the program in its inaugural semester is due in large part to the residence hall staff.

"I'd like to praise Bryan Hartman (director of residence life) and the residence life staff for their leadership in this effort," said Luguri. "Their hard work and dedication has had a tremendous impact on the program's first semester."

-- Zoe Genova, PR Intern



## Student Travels to Wisconsin to Present Genetic Research Findings

Cellular Biochemistry major Felecia Edwards had the opportunity to present her genetic research findings during the college poster session at the National Association of Biology Teachers National Conference in Milwaukee, Wis. in October.

"Felecia did a remarkable job not only representing herself but Plattsburgh State as well," said Dr. Nancy Elwess, associate professor of biological sciences. "Her research results generated a lot of interest within the scientific community that was present. During her poster session alone, she talked to over 100 biologists from across the country."

Edwards, a senior from Troy, N.Y. and captain of the Cardinal Women's Basketball Team, presented, "A Look at Genetic Diversity through the Analysis of the Y Chromosome."

"DNA contains clues to the past," said Edwards. "The longer the DNA has been in existence, the more mutations or mistakes the DNA is likely to contain. These mutations on the Y chromosome can be used as genetic markers. The genetic markers date back 10,000, 20,000, 30,000, 40,000, 50,000 years. We used 100 DNA samples from male students at SUNY Plattsburgh and used genetic markers

to trace their ancestors migration routes."

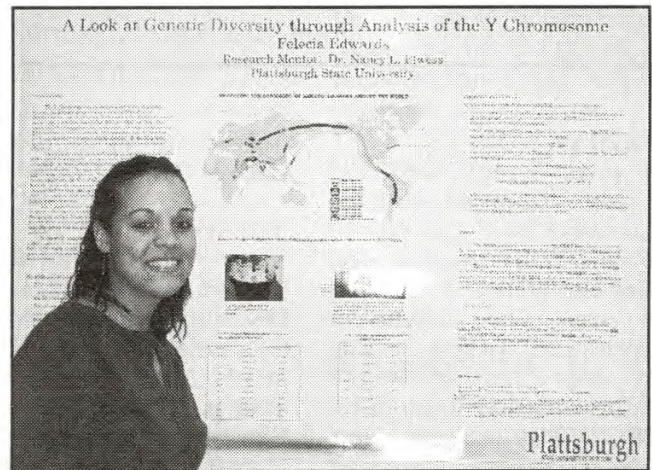
Edwards, who is also working on a minor in criminal justice, said that she enjoyed the conference.

"My experiences there made me so excited about continuing my research. We spent hours in the lab and got results, but the best part about my research experience was sharing it with others," she said. "It was a honor to spend time with some great scientists."

Edwards is applying to graduate schools to study genetics or forensic science. She said that her hope is to work in a laboratory conducting research or working for a police department laboratory analyzing evidence.

"However, after I presented my research to the judges, they strongly encouraged me to pursue a career in teaching. They were very impressed with my presentation," Edwards said.

Edwards expressed her appreciation to Elwess and Sandra Latourelle,



Edwards stands by her research poster during the Biology Teachers National Conference in October.

adjunct lecturer in biological sciences, for their support and encouragement.

College Auxiliary Services and Dr. Kathleen Lavoie, dean of arts and science, also supported Edwards by helping to fund her trip.

"The day following my presentation, people would walk up to me and comment on how impressed they were with my poster presentation. They would walk by me and say 'Hey, there goes the Y chromosome lady.' It was a great feeling to have so many people interested in our research," said Edwards.

## Spotlight

on faculty and staff

**Vicki Dauphinais**, marketing specialist in public relations and marketing, received the Continuing Education Association of New York's James C. Hall Jr. Advertisement Award. The award was given in recognition of the Summer Session radio advertisement and presented to Dauphinais at its annual conference in West Point, N.Y. in October. The award was based on creativity, cost and effectiveness. Dauphinais has previously won James C. Hall Jr. awards in 2003 and 2004 in the catalog/brochure category.

**Dr. Larry Soroka**, director of The Adirondack Experience and expeditionary studies, gave a talk, "A First Ascent in Academe or An Expedition through the Program Approval Process" at the 55th annual Cortland Recreation Conference at SUNY Cortland.



Dauphinais



Soroka

## Samuel D's to Host Special Dinner

### Networking Hour on Wednesdays

Samuel D's and students of the hotel, restaurant and tourism management course 464 will present a special Wine Tasting Dinner on Thursday, Nov. 17, at 6 p.m. in Sibley Hall.

The dinner will feature a delightful menu including starters and dessert - all paired with selected wines from Swedish Hill Winery.

The cost is \$40 per person, plus a 15 percent student activity fee. Attendance is by reservation only; reservations can be made by calling 564-3260 or via Email at [reservations@samueld.com](mailto:reservations@samueld.com).

Samuel D's Networking Hour continues until the end of the semester. Every Wednesday from 4:30 to 6 p.m., faculty and staff are invited for drinks, hors d'oeuvres and networking with colleagues. Samuel D's accepts cash, MasterCard, Visa and Cardinal Cash.

The restaurant, operated by the Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism Management Department in the School of Business and Economics, is located in the far side of Sibley Hall, next to Plattsburgh High School.



# FOCUS Calendar

Friday, Nov. 11 - Saturday, Dec. 17

For information on weekly meetings and other upcoming events, check the Plattsburgh State Web Calendar at: <http://banweb.cc.plattsburgh.edu/banprd/plsql/events.calendar>

## FRIDAY, NOV. 11

**8 p.m.** Symphonic Band Concert, directed by Dan Gordon. Free concert. E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium, Hawkins Hall.

**8 p.m.** The Cripple of Inishmaan, Tickets on sale at door and at Angell College Center Desk. \$10, \$8, \$2. Play contains some strong language. Hartman Theater, Myers Fine Arts.

## SATURDAY, NOV. 12

**5:30 p.m.** Movie Night, sponsored by Asian Club. Alumni Conference Room, Angell College Center.

**6 p.m.** Moon Festival, sponsored by Chinese Association. Algonquin Dining Room.

**8 p.m.** The Cripple of Inishmaan, Tickets on sale at door and at Angell College Center. \$10, \$8, \$2. Play contains some strong language. Hartman Theater, Myers Fine Arts.

**10 p.m.** Rec. Night at Memorial, sponsored by Student Activities Office. gym and swimming pool, Memorial Hall.

## SUNDAY, NOV. 13

**6 p.m.** Monthly Reflection Meeting & Activity, sponsored by Plattsburgh Student Service Corps. Cardinal Lounge and Warren Ballroom A, Angell College Center.

## MONDAY, NOV. 14

**10 a.m.** International Education Fair, sponsored by International Student Services. 1st and 2nd Floor Lobby, Angell Center.

**3 p.m.** Fraternity/Sorority Leadership Series. Alumni Conference Room, Angell College Center.

**10 p.m.** SA Executive Council Meeting. Alumni

Conference Room, Angell College Center.

## TUESDAY, NOV. 15

**8:30 a.m.** Transition Conference for Students w/ Disabilities, sponsored by Counselor Education. Angell College Center.

**4:30 p.m.** Service Learning Workshop, sponsored by History Department. Meeting Room 1, Angell Center.

**4:30 p.m.** Faculty Senate Monthly Meeting. Alumni Conference Room, Angell College Center.

**7 p.m.** LCP Series: Book Club, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Amnesty Room, Angell College Center.

**7 p.m.** Society of Success & Leadership, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Cardinal Lounge, Angell Center.

**7:30 p.m.** International Jeopardy, sponsored by International Student Services. Alumni Conference Room, Angell Center.

## WEDNESDAY, NOV. 16

**8 p.m.** Chamber Ensemble Concert I, featuring Sinfonia, directed by Beth Gorevic, and Flute Ensemble, directed by Robin Cameron-Phillips. Free admission. E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium, Hawkins Hall.

**10 p.m.** S.A. Senate Meetings. Center Cardinal Lounge, Angell College.

## THURSDAY, NOV. 17

**12:15 p.m.** Greek Week Meeting. Meeting Room 8, Angell College Center.

**12:30 p.m.** ACB Meetings, sponsored by SA Activities Coordination Board. Amnesty Rm., Angell Center.

**7 p.m.** Race Relations Forum, sponsored by College Democrats. Alumni Conference Room, Angell College Center.

## FRIDAY, NOV. 18

**8 p.m.** Jazz Concert, directed by Dr. Rick Davies. Jazz Ensemble & Contemporary Music Combo perform. Free admission. E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium, Hawkins Hall.

## SATURDAY, NOV. 19

**9 a.m.** 5-hr Prelicensing Course, sponsored by Student Association. Cardinal Lounge, Angell Center.

**8 p.m.** "Up Til Dawn", sponsored by PSU Late Night. Indoor Track/Gymnasium, Field House.

## SUNDAY, NOV. 20

**3 p.m.** Faculty Concert, Karen Becker & Friends. FREE. E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium, Hawkins Hall.

## MONDAY, NOV. 21

**6 p.m.** Mohawk Speaker: Paul Delaronde, sponsored by Education Department. Cardinal Lounge, Angell College Center.

**10 p.m.** SA Executive Council Meeting. Alumni Conference Room, Angell College Center.

## TUESDAY, NOV. 22

**12:20 p.m.** Supreme Court Vacancy Seminar, sponsored by Pi Sigma Alpha. Cardinal Lounge, Angell College Center.

**1:30 p.m.** Weekly Parking Appeals. Meeting Rooms 5 and 6, Angell Center.

## MONDAY, NOV. 28

**11 a.m.** CVPH Blood Drive, sponsored by Plattsburgh Student Service Corps. Cardinal Lounge, Angell College Center.

**5 p.m.** IFC/ISA Officer Inauguration. Alumni Conference Room, Angell College Center.

**10 p.m.** SA Executive Council Meeting. Alumni

Conference Room, Angell College Center.

## TUESDAY, NOV. 29

**12:15 p.m.** Fraternity/Sorority New Member Workshop. Amnesty Room, Angell College Center.

**1:30 p.m.** Weekly Parking Appeals. Meeting Rooms 5 and 6, Angell Center.

**4:30 p.m.** Faculty Senate Executive Comm. Meeting. Meeting Room 1, Angell College Center.

**4:30 p.m.** Tuesday Reflections, sponsored by Arts & Sciences. Cardinal Lounge, Angell Center.

**7 p.m.** Punch & Judy, A rare opportunity to see an authentic British Punch & Judy Show. Traditionally performed on resort beaches in the United Kingdom. Krinovitz Recital Hall, Hawkins Hall.

**7:30 p.m.** Reading by Arturo Virante, sponsored by English Department. Cardinal Lounge, Angell College Center.

**8 p.m.** Chamber Ensembles Concert II, SUNY Music student ensembles perform. Free. E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium, Hawkins Hall.

## WEDNESDAY, NOV. 30

**10 p.m.** S.A. Senate Meetings, sponsored by SA Senate. Cardinal Lounge, Angell College Center.

## THURSDAY, DEC. 1

**12:30 p.m.** ACB Meetings, sponsored by SA Activities Coordination Board. Amnesty Room, Angell Center.

## FRIDAY, DEC. 2

**12 p.m.** Meet the Candidates, sponsored by Student Association. Alumni Conference Room, Angell College Center.



### **SATURDAY, DEC. 3**

**6 p.m.** Fall Gospel Concert, sponsored by Gospel Choir. E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium, Hawkins Hall.

**10 p.m.** The House of Madness -Movie, sponsored by PSU Late Night. Alumni Conf. Rm, Angell Center.

**10 p.m.** Comedian Richie Byrne, sponsored by PSU Late Night. Flynt Commons, Angell Center.

### **SUNDAY, DEC. 4**

**3 p.m.** Winter Festival 2005, sponsored by Student Activities Office. Cardinal Lounge, Angell Center.

**6 p.m.** Monthly Reflection Meeting & Activity, sponsored by Plattsburgh Student Service Corps. Warren Ballroom A, Angell College Center.

### **MONDAY, DEC. 5**

**10 p.m.** SA Executive Council Meeting. Alumni Conference Room, Angell College Center.

### **TUESDAY, DEC. 6**

**1:30 p.m.** Weekly Parking Appeals. Meeting Rooms 5 and 6, Angell Center.

**4:30 p.m.** Tuesday Reflections, sponsored by Arts & Sciences. Cardinal Lounge, Angell Center.

**7 p.m.** Performance Class II. Krinovitz Recital Hall, Hawkins Hall.

**8 p.m.** Diversity Enlightenment Session,

sponsored by Center for Diversity Pluralism & Inclusion. Cardinal Lounge, Angell College Center.

### **WEDNESDAY, DEC. 7**

**11:30 a.m.** Holiday Buffet, sponsored by Sodexho. Warren Ballrooms, Angell College Center.

**7:30 p.m.** Guitar Concert, director by Michael Angelo Frattino. Free admission. Krinovitz Recital Hall, Hawkins Hall.

**8 p.m.** Ringing Down the Curtain, sponsored by Theatre Department. Hartman Theater, Myers Fine Arts.

**10 p.m.** S.A. Senate Meetings. Cardinal Lounge, Angell College Center.

### **THURSDAY, DEC. 8**

**12:30 p.m.** ACB Meetings, sponsored by SA Activities Coordination Board. Amnesty Room, Angell Center.

**8 p.m.** Ringing Down the Curtain, sponsored by Theatre Department. Hartman Theater, Myers Fine Arts.

### **FRIDAY, DEC. 9**

**1 p.m.** Financial Planning Seminar for dues-paying December graduates, sponsored by Alumni Affairs. Mowry Conf. Rm, Redcay Hall.

### **SATURDAY, DEC. 10**

**10 p.m.** BINGO, sponsored

by Student Activities Office. Point Snack Bar, Angell College Center.

### **MONDAY, DEC. 12**

**10 p.m.** SA Executive Council Meeting. Alumni Conference Room, Angell College Center.

### **TUESDAY, DEC. 13**

**1:30 p.m.** Weekly Parking Appeals. Angell Center Meeting Rooms 5 and 6.

**4:30 p.m.** Faculty Senate Monthly Meeting. Angell College Center Alumni Conference Room.

### **WEDNESDAY, DEC. 14**

**10 p.m.** S.A. Senate Meetings. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

### **THURSDAY, DEC. 15**

**8 a.m.** Alzheimers Disease

Conference. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

**12:30 p.m.** ACB Meetings, sponsored by SA Activities Coordination Board. Angell Center Amnesty Room.

### **FRIDAY, DEC. 16**

**3-5 p.m.** Senior Reception hosted by Alumni Affairs and Student Activities. Angell College Center Flynt Commons.

### **SATURDAY, DEC. 17**

**8 a.m.** School of Business & Economic Graduation Breakfast, sponsored by School of Business & Economics. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

**11 a.m.** Winter Commencement. Faculty and graduating seniors should be at the Field House no later than 10 a.m.

## **Van Safety Education Program Classes in November and December**

The van safety classes will be held in the Service Building or the Student Health Center Conference Room in the Infirmary Building.

**NOTE:** The November and December dates/times for the "Hands-On Van Training" driving classes are at the Angell College Center Help Desk in a purple folder. Request the folder to sign-up for the 1.5 hour class or call 564-2121 to find out the schedule. Meet at the Lobby of the Service Building (Sanborn Ave.) for the training.

Employees interested in attending any of the three-hour classroom instruction should contact Gina Doty at 564-5011. All van drivers on campus must complete the two-part Van Safety Training course prior to using a 15-passenger style van.

In addition to the Van Safety Program, all participants need to have authorization under the Driver's Safety Review and Authorization Policy, which includes the License Event Notification System (LENS). Applications are available from department chairs or University Police at 564-2022.

#### *November and December*

#### *Van Safety Classroom dates/times:*

Nov. 17 (Thurs): 11 a.m.-2 p.m. (Infirmary Bldg.)

Nov. 21 (Tues): 1 p.m.-4 p.m. (M&O/Service Bldg.)

Dec. 7 (Wed.): 1 p.m.-4 p.m. (M&O/Service Bldg.)

Dec. 8 (Thurs): 11 a.m.-2 p.m. (Infirmary Bldg.)

Dec. 20 (Tues.): 1 p.m.-4 p.m. (M&O/Service Bldg.)



**Sodexho Campus Services dressed up Algonquin Dining Hall in honor of Halloween. Graveyards and giant spiders gave the dining hall a spooky, festive look for the holiday.**



# Faculty Academic Advisors Hailed by Students

The Student Association, in collaboration with Academic Advising, wants outstanding faculty academic advisors to receive recognition and appreciation.

For the past several semesters, the Student Association has sponsored CAS gift certificates, which are available for students to give to their faculty advisors as tokens of appreciation.

Students who wish to convey their appreciation for their academic advisor may go to the Academic Advising Office and request that a Certificate of Appreciation, signed by the advisee, be sent to their advisor.

The Certificate is accompanied by a congratulatory letter and a small Cardinal Cash gift account for the advisor to enjoy a treat at any on or off campus establishments that accept Cardinal Cash.

According to Suzanne Daley, director of academic advising, "This sincere acknowledgement of an advisor's good work is indisputable because it is directly from a student."

Daley said that this method of advisor appreciation is especially appropriate as advisor recognition is a challenge of any faculty-based advisement system.

"The disparity between advisement loads makes it virtually impossible to establish normative standards on which advising awards can be systematically granted," said Daley. "For example, it is difficult to hold faculty advisors who teach 150 students and advise 40 to 60 students to the same standards of excellent advisement as

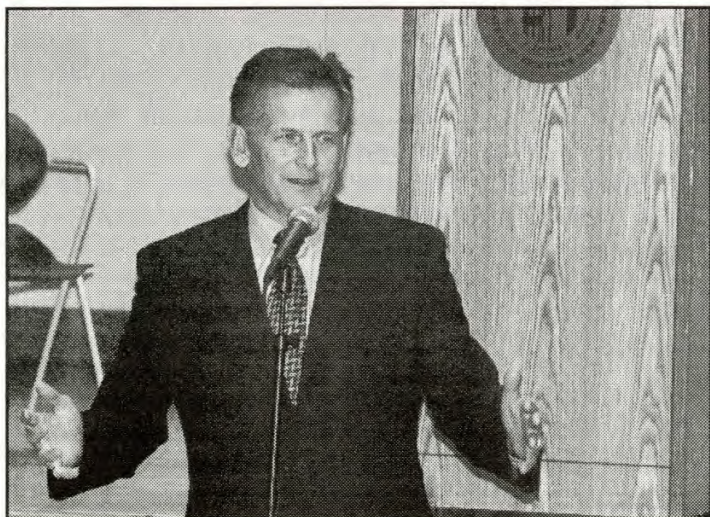
those who teach 75 students and have 10 to 15 advisees."

Congratulations to the following faculty advisors who were recognized by their advisees during the spring 2005 semester:

**Dr. Eileen Allen**, coordinator of the GIS Laboratories in Earth and Environmental Science; **Dr. Ona Belser**, visiting assistant professor of human development and family relations; **Dr. Elizabeth Bernat**, assistant professor of communication; **Dr. Joseph Bodenrader**, associate professor of mathematics; **Dr. Anne Bongiorno**, assistant professor of nursing and nutrition; **Dr. Neil Buckley**, associate professor of biological sciences; **Dr. Vincent Carey**, professor and chair of history; **Brendan Casey**, assistant professor of communication; **Timothy Clukey**, associate professor of communication; **Dr. Mohamed Djerdjouri**, professor of management and international business; **Dr. Patricia Egan**, assistant professor of psychology; **Dr. David Franzi**, distinguished teaching professor of earth and environmental science; **Dr. Mohamed Gaber**, associate professor and chair of accounting; **Dr. Ena Joseph**, professor of nursing and nutrition; **Dr. David Keys**, associate professor of sociology and criminal justice; **Dr. Thomas Konda**, associate professor and chair of political science; **Karen Larkin**, lecturer of childhood education; **Dr. Donald Maier**, associate professor and chair of philosophy; **Janice Marchut Conrad**, lecturer of biological sciences; **Cindy McCarty**, lecturer of special education; **Dr.**

**Timothy Mihuc**, associate professor of earth and environmental science and coordinator of the Lake Champlain Research Institute; **Dr. Michael Morales**, associate professor of psychology; **Dr. John Moravek**, associate professor of geography; **Dr. Michael Morgan**, associate professor of communication disorders and science and associate dean of education, health and human services; **Dr. Jessmyn Neuhaus**, assistant professor of history; **Dr. Kevin O'Neil**, associate professor and chair of management and international business; **Dr. Jean Ouedraogo**, associate professor and chair of foreign languages and literature; **Dr. Tony Poveda**, professor of sociology and criminal justice; **Dr. James Rice**, associate professor of history; **Robert Rolfs**, lecturer in hotel, restaurant and tourism management; **Dr. Donald Shish**, associate professor of biological sciences; **Dr. Ann Tracy**, distinguished teaching professor emeritus of English; **Dr. Daniel Vogt**, professor of biological sciences; **Cassandra Vincent**, adjunct lecturer of mathematics; **Dr. Lori Walters-Kramer**, assistant professor of communication; **Dr. Kathleen Whittier**, professor and chair of special education; and **Dr. Taher Zandi**, distinguished service professor of psychology and director of the Alzheimer's Disease Assistance Center.

Students who would like to extend their appreciation to their advisors for this semester may make such requests until the end of the semester. Visit the Academic Advising Office, Feinberg Library 103 for details.



**The Distinguished Quebec Address, presented Oct. 25 and sponsored by the Center for the Study of Canada and the Quebec Institute, featured Larry Smith, president and CEO of the Montreal Alouettes, a Canadian Football League team. Smith spoke about his team members and their volunteer work with school-aged children. Montreal fans first got to know Smith as a star fullback from 1972 to 1980, and then as president and CEO of the team from 1997 to 2001, when he led the Alouettes' organization through one of the most important periods of the franchise history. After two years as president and publisher of the Montreal Gazette in 2002 and 2003, Smith reassumed the presidency of the Alouettes in March 2004. He graduated from Bishop's University in 1972 with a bachelor's of arts degree in economics. In 1976, Smith earned his bachelor of civil law degree from McGill University.**



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## Scholarship Recipients Perform Service

The Plattsburgh College Foundation recently hosted a breakfast honoring the 2005-06 Community Service Scholarship recipients.

The breakfast brought together the students who received this year's scholarships, the scholarship sponsors and the community service agency representatives.

The scholarships, funded through the Plattsburgh College Foundation, are \$2,500 and awarded to students in exchange for service in the community.

Funding for the scholarships comes from contributions given specifically to the Foundation to support the Community Scholarship Program.

The student scholarship recipients are required to engage in 10 hours of community service per week throughout the academic year through the Center for Service Learning and Volunteerism. In return for their service, they receive tuition, room and board assistance.

"We have had Community Service Scholars volunteering in our office for a number of years now," said Maria Riani, director of the Big Buddy and Senior Outreach Programs at JCEO. "Their strong commitment to community service puts them well ahead of their peers and makes them invaluable to our office. I would recommend the program to any agency in the community."

Scholarship sponsors include: College Auxiliary Services; Crossborder Development Corporation; Edith Knapp Family Endowment; Empire State Coca-Cola Bottling Co.; HSBC - North America; Nine Platt Hospitality Group; Dr. Celine Racine Paquette '60; PARC; Sodexo Campus Services; SUNY Plattsburgh Federal Credit Union; TD

Banknorth New York; and Tracy Trombley Construction Co.

This year's recipients are performing community service at numerous service agencies in the Plattsburgh area.

*(See Community Service, Page 2)*



**The scholarship recipients gathered for a breakfast hosted by the Plattsburgh College Foundation.**

## Nursing Program Boasts High Licensure Exam Pass Rate

The Nursing Program at SUNY Plattsburgh has scored the highest pass rate of the bachelor's degree-granting programs SUNY-wide so far this year with an almost 93-percent pass rate.

This figure represents 12 out of 13 students passing the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) the first time they took the exam. Eleven of the students taking the exam for the first time were from the class of 2005; two were from the class of 2004.

"We are all very proud of our graduates," said Dr. Zoanne Schnell '70, professor in the nursing, food and nutrition department. "This reflects some of the effort we've instituted to help our students prepare and be ready for the NCLEX, and they were very successful."

Schnell said the pass rate of the NCLEX is "one of the

indicators used by accrediting bodies for a program. They look at employment, faculty mix and so forth, but the pass rate is key. It's also what is looked at by prospective students and their families."

In the third quarter of the year, 87.5 percent of the students passed in New York from bachelor, associate and diploma programs. Since January, that percentage is 86 percent. There were 96 separate programs listed for New York; 35 of them are bachelor's degree-granting programs.

In the past, programs offering bachelor's degrees across the state including SUNY Plattsburgh were looking for ways to help students get ready both mentally and cognitively, Schnell said.

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## Gospel Choir to Perform Christmas Show Dec. 3

The SUNY Plattsburgh Gospel Choir will present "A Soulful Christmas Celebration" at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 3, in the E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium of Hawkins Hall.

In addition to the Gospel Choir, which is under the direction of Dr. Dexter L. Criss, the PPP Step Team, Praise & Worship Team and Praise Dancers will also perform.

Advance tickets are \$2 for students and \$8 for faculty, staff and the general public and are available at the Information Desk in the Angell College Center, Desert Moon Mexican Grille and The Great Adirondack Soup Company. Tickets will be available at the door for \$4 for students and \$10 for faculty, staff and the general public. Children five and under are free.

For more information, contact Sally Urban at 564-5078.



A small group of the Gospel Choir performed earlier this semester, just after its return from a tour in Chicago, Il.

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**Amanda Ballow**, a social work major from Clarence, N.Y., is volunteering at the Sibley Child Care Center. She enjoys playing with, and getting to know, all of the children, and particularly loves the one-year-olds in the wobbler room.

**Ashley Balz**, a social work major from Lindenhurst, N.Y., is assisting with JCEO's Big Buddy and Senior Outreach programs. She works on the Big Buddy newsletter, helps with HEAP applications, and takes part in Little Buddy home visits.

**Ryan Belair**, an elementary education major from Glens Falls, N.Y., has initiated an after school youth soccer program at St. Peter's Elementary School. When he is not coordinating the afternoon soccer program, Ryan works with teachers in various classrooms throughout the school.

**Trevor Bougill**, a journalism major from Plattsburgh, is working in a variety of areas at CVPH Medical Center. He especially enjoys working in the Lending Library, organizing the books and magazines and locating reading materials for the patients.

**Monica Boulter**, a special/elementary education major from Watertown, N.Y., is also volunteering at CVPH. She has been a transporter in the Service Center and a Palliative Care volunteer working with the terminally ill.

**Carrie Douglas**, an elementary education major from AuSable Forks, N.Y., is spending her time volunteering at Morrisonville Elementary in a kindergarten classroom. She enjoys

helping the children learn their colors, shapes, and numbers.

**Megan Ferries**, a political science major from Lima, N.Y., is volunteering with the American Red Cross and has done a lot of work with the Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita relief efforts.

**Brittany Flora**, a sociology major from Loveland, Ohio, is participating in many activities with the elderly residents of the Clinton County Nursing Home. She also took part in the Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk with the residents.

**Michelle Kemp**, an elementary education major from Malone, N.Y., is working in a kindergarten classroom at Morrisonville Elementary School. She enjoys drawing, coloring and doing projects to help the children learn their colors and shapes.

**Kathryn Lind**, a nursing major from Garden City, N.Y., is spending her time volunteering with the clients at the Traumatic Brain Injury Center on campus. She participates in many different group activities with them, and even started an exercising club.

**Sarah Martin**, a philosophy major from Craryville, N.Y., is volunteering at Literacy Volunteers. She has been trained to be a reading and writing tutor for individuals that have English as a second language, as well as for teenagers and adults who need help with literacy skills.

**Emily Mocete**, a nursing major from Syracuse, N.Y., is splitting her time between the Emergency Room and the Cancer Center at CVPH. She helps the elderly fill out forms when

they check in at the ER and serves meals to the patients in the Cancer Center.

**Nicholas Ostroy**, a history major from Smithtown, N.Y., is a volunteer with the Boy Scouts of the Adirondack Council. Ostroy, an Eagle Scout, performs general office duties for the Scouts and helps out in their clothing shop. He especially enjoys seeing new Scouts get their first uniforms and books.

**Laura Perras**, a secondary education (history) major from Mooers Forks, N.Y., is working at the Ted K Center, helping with their preschool program throughout the day and with the after school program for school-aged children.

**Sarah Trombley**, a nursing major from Ravena, N.Y., is volunteering with the nursing home at CVPH. She helps plan and run daily activities, such as feeding the ducks in the pond, bingo and reading time.

**Jennifer Voorhees**, a nursing major from Bloomfield, N.Y., is providing assistance to the Salvation Army at its Soup Kitchen and Thrift Store. She helps prepare and serve food to people in need of meals and sorts clothes and runs the cash register at the store.

**Caitlin Wiles**, a communication disorders major from Rutland, Vt., is volunteering with Literacy Volunteers. She is trained to tutor individuals that have English Second Language and teenagers and adults who need assistance in reading and writing. She also helps with office support needs and tutors in math.



# College Hosts More than 1,500 for Fall Open House

A record number of prospective students and their families visited SUNY Plattsburgh for Fall Open House on Saturday, Nov. 12.

More than 1,500 guests, including 550 prospective college students, participated in the event.

"We were quite pleased with the tremendous response we received for our Fall Open House," said Dr. Robert Golden, provost and vice president for academic affairs.

"This was a college-wide effort, involving currently enrolled students, faculty from every academic department and staff representing all of our student services. We are proud of what we have to offer, and this was our day to share our enthusiasm with hundreds of students considering SUNY Plattsburgh," Golden said.

The event began at 9:30 a.m. in the E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium, Hawkins Hall, with a discussion about academics, admissions and student life.

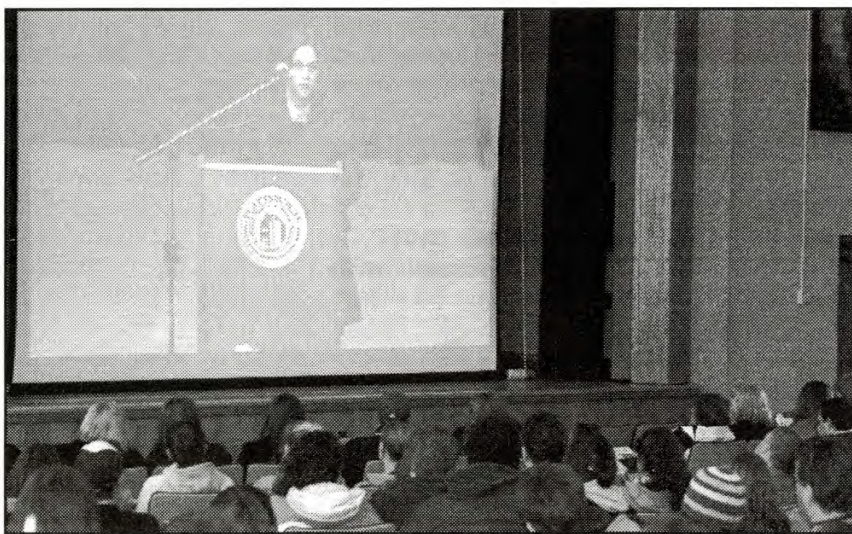
Speakers included Carrie Woodward, admissions advisor; Azilla Clarke, Student Association vice presi-

dent from St. Kitts; William Laundry, vice president for student affairs; and Dr. Stephen Light, associate dean of arts and professor of sociology and criminal justice.

Immediately following the presentation, students led tours throughout

campus, including the residence halls and academic buildings.

At 11:45 a.m., each academic department and representatives from various student services on campus met and answered questions from prospective students and parents.



**With E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium packed to capacity for the morning Open House presentation, overflow seating was available in the Krinovitz Recital Hall, which was linked via live feed.**

## "Who Wants to be a Graduate" Hosted by SBE

Borrowing from the format of the famous "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?" game show, the School of Business and Economics is providing an opportunity for graduating students to win money to help them begin their careers or continue on to graduate school.

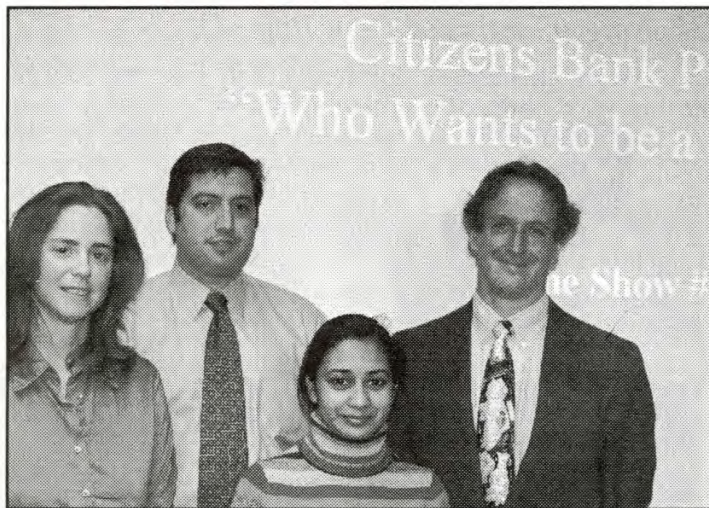
Business students who are planning to graduate in December and have a grade point average of 2.5 or higher are eligible to compete and win cash prizes of up to \$2,648.25 by playing "Who Wants to be a Graduate?" \$2,648.25 is the amount of New York State tuition and mandatory fees for one graduate semester at a SUNY institution.

The event is held every Thursday at 12:30 p.m. in the Mowry Conference Room, Redcay Hall and features accounting, economics, finance, marketing and business questions written by SBE faculty members.

Students are given three "life-lines" -- phone a friend, 50-50 and ask the audience -- to assist with answering the questions.

Citizens Bank is sponsoring the graduate game show, which was created by the SBE Student Advisory Council. Citizens Bank has also committed to sponsoring the Graduate game show next semester for May graduates.

"The 'Who Wants to be a Graduate' game is a wonderful partnership between Citizens Bank and our business students," said Dr. Colin Read, dean of SBE. "It has energized student involvement in the School while at the same



**Left to right: Kimberly Davis, president of the SBE Student Advisory Council; Reed Racette, Business Development Officer for Citizens Bank; Habiba Hussain, an accounting major and SBE game show contestant; and Dr. Colin Read, dean of SBE.**

time provided an excellent opportunity for Citizens Bank to donate a year's tuition to worthy students. And to boot, it is just a whole lot of fun."

Read and SBE faculty members take turns emceeing the weekly contest, and spectators are always welcome.



## Book Nook Holds Faculty Signings, Readings

The Book Nook in the College Store has hosted two recent book signings featuring SUNY Plattsburgh faculty.

Tory and Norman Taber held a reading and book signing on Nov. 11. Norman is an associate professor of art, and Tory is an adjunct lecturer in art.

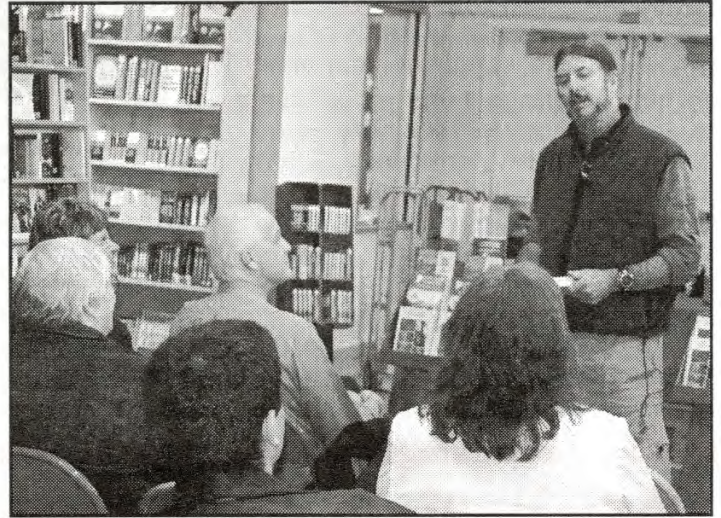
Their debut book, *Rufus at Work*, is a delightful children's story about a rotund and rather lazy feline. At least that's what his owner, Posy, thinks. But Posy simply does not appreciate how hard Rufus really works. Guarding the birdbath, pruning the catnip, keeping his stripes in order and the sun off the rug -- these things take true dedication.

Children from the daycare facility in Sibley Hall were special guests on hand to hear the adventures of Rufus during the reading in the Book Nook.

The second signing featured Dennis Aprill, lecturer in journalism, who is the author of *Short Treks in the Adirondacks and Beyond*. He gave an introduction to this book and signed copies on Nov. 17.

"I did enjoy the book signing and talk at the Book Nook," said Aprill. "I think Helene Davenport (manager of the Book Nook) does a great job of organizing and coordinating these events. These events and the publicity they get can only benefit the College."

In addition to his books, which also include *Good Fishing in the Adirondacks* and *Paths Less Traveled*, Aprill writes a monthly Adirondack column for *Vermont Outdoors* magazine, is a regular contributor to *Adirondack Life*, and is the outdoors columnist for the *Press-Republican*.



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"We've encouraged our students to take the NCLEX within six months of graduation, and we encourage them to take practice exams to better prepare them for the NCLEX," she said. As a result, students in the Professional Issues nursing course are expected to take an on-line "practice test," which will help acclimate them to the kind of test they'll face with the on-line NCLEX, Schnell said.

"This gives them feedback to find their strengths and weaknesses, areas they need to improve, prior to taking the

licensure exam," she said.

Schnell said she can't speculate whether this practice testing is what helped prepare the SUNY Plattsburgh graduates to gain such high pass rates, "but it is one of the things we've instituted to help."

Once nursing graduates have taken and passed the NCLEX, they can be fully licensed registered nurses in the state.

"It's the gateway to licensure," Schnell said.



**Samuel D's and students of the hotel, restaurant and tourism management course 464 hosted a special wine tasting dinner on Nov. 17. The dinner was sold out and 45 guests were treated to an evening that featured a delightful menu, including mushroom crustini, lobster bisque, an onion tart, medallions of pork with winter fruit sauce and a fresh fruit trifle for dessert. Each course was paired with selected wines from Swedish Hill Winery. Don Paulson, manager of the Swedish Hill tasting facility in Lake Placid and a sales representative for the Finger Lakes winery, introduced each of the wines, which were served by the students. Members of the campus community along with Plattsburgh residents were treated to this gourmet evening.**



## Dr. David Franzi to be Honored as Distinguished Professor

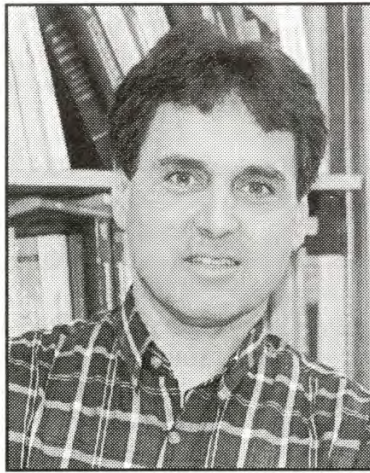
The portrait of Dr. David Franzi, SUNY Plattsburgh's latest distinguished teaching professor, will be unveiled on Wednesday, Nov. 30 at 4:30 p.m. in the Feinberg Library. The campus community is invited to attend this special ceremony.

Franzi was promoted to the rank of distinguished teaching professor of earth and environmental science last May by the SUNY Board of Trustees.

Franzi said it was a privilege to be promoted to the position of distinguished teaching professor.

"I am honored to have received this appointment," he said. "I consider it a privilege to have had the opportunity to work closely with so many excellent students, dedicated faculty and good friends for so many years."

Franzi received his undergraduate degree from Eastern Connecticut State University in 1977 and his graduate



Franzi

degree from Miami University in 1980. He received his doctorate from Syracuse University in 1984.

Franzi joined the teaching faculty at SUNY Plattsburgh in 1985 and was promoted to the rank of professor in 1995. Since his initial appointment at SUNY Plattsburgh, Franzi has developed and taught 10 courses in geology.

He supports high quality research opportunities for students that have been nationally peer-reviewed through the National Science Foundation (NSF) review process.

Franzi is a member of the Geological Society of America and the Geological Association of Canada.

His scholarly productivity has also been robust. He has authored and co-authored numerous professional papers, consulting reports and abstracts.

Franzi received the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching in 1997.

## Spotlight on faculty and staff

**Dr. Elizabeth R. Bernat, Tim Clukey and Dr. Jonathan R. Slater**, members in the Department of Communication, have had their Community Web Visibility (CWV) Research Project featured in the November issue of *Public Relations Tactics*, a publication of the Public Relations Society of America. The article, "Holiday Road: Increase Tourism in Seven Easy Cyber Steps," describes the groups continuing work on behalf of communities in the Adirondack-North Country region and provides advice to rural tourist destinations seeking to optimize their virtual identities on the Web. The CWV team recently completed research on destination community identity, made possible by a Plattsburgh State Presidential Research Award. The team is also in the final phase of a study on electronic government, funded by a Walker Foundation grant through SUNY Potsdam's Merwin Rural Services Institute.

**Mary Dossin**, adjunct lecturer in English, has had her article, "When Children Fall Away," published in the

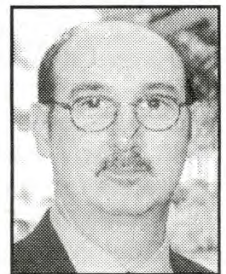
December 2005 issue of *Lutheran Woman Today*, a publication of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

**Dr. Sam Northshield**, professor of mathematics, has been named editor of the *Seaway Current*, a newsletter of the Mathematical Association of America Seaway Section. He also continues on the program committee of the MAA Seaway Section. At the recent fall meeting of the Seaway Section at SUNY Geneseo, Northshield presented a talk "Summing across Pascal's triangle and its continuous analog." **Dr. Margaret Morrow**, associate professor of mathematics, also attended the fall meeting and continues her work as first vice chair of the Seaway Section as well as program chair.

**Dr. Mary Roden-Tice**, professor of geology, and **Steven Tice**, adjunct faculty in the Center for Earth and Environmental Science have coauthored the publication, "Regional Scale Mid-Jurassic to Late Cretaceous Unroofing from the Adirondack Mountains through Central New England Based on Apatite Fission-Track and (U-Th)/He Thermochronology" in the September 2005 issue of *The Journal of Geology*.



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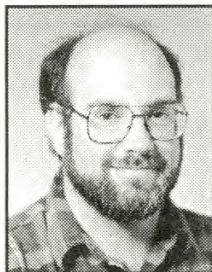
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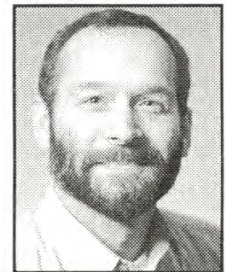
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# FOCUS Calendar

Monday, Nov. 28 - Saturday, Dec. 17

For information on weekly meetings and other upcoming events, check the Plattsburgh State Web Calendar at: <http://banweb.cc.plattsburgh.edu/banprd/plsql/events.calendar>

## MONDAY, NOV. 28

**11 a.m.** CVPH Blood Drive, sponsored by Plattsburgh Student Service Corps. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

**5 p.m.** IFC/ISA Officer Inauguration, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Alumni Conference Room.

**10 p.m.** SA Executive Council Meeting, sponsored by SA Executive Council. Angell College Center Alumni Conference Room.

## TUESDAY, NOV. 29

**12:15 p.m.** Fraternity/Sorority New Member Workshop, sponsored by Greek Affairs. Angell College Center Amnesty Room.

**12:20 p.m.** Supreme Court Vacancy Seminar, sponsored by Pi Sigma Alpha. Angell College Center Alumni Conference Room.

**1:30 p.m.** Weekly Parking Appeals Meeting, sponsored by University Police. Angell College Center Meeting Rooms 5 and 6.

**4:30 p.m.** Faculty Senate Executive Comm. Meeting, sponsored by Faculty Senate. Angell College Center Meeting Room 1.

**4:30 p.m.** Tuesday Reflections, sponsored by Arts & Sciences. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

**7 p.m.** Punch & Judy, A rare opportunity to see an authentic British Punch & Judy Show. Traditionally performed on resort beach-

es in the United Kingdom. The Hyman and Frances Krinovitz Recital Hall.

**7:30 p.m.** Visiting Poets and Writers Series, presents Arturo Vivante, author of "Solitude and Other Stories", "Run to the Waterfall", "The French Girls of Killini" and "A Goodly Babe", reading from his fiction. Sponsored by the English Department with assistance from the Dean of Arts and Science, Campus Life and funds from the NYS Council on the Arts. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

**8 p.m.** Chamber Ensembles Concert II, SUNY Music student ensembles perform. Free admission. Hawkins Hall E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium.

## WEDNESDAY, NOV. 30

**10 p.m.** S.A. Senate Meetings, sponsored by SA Senate. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

## THURSDAY, DEC. 1

**12:30 p.m.** ACB Meetings, sponsored by SA Activities Coordination Board. Angell College Center Amnesty Room.

## FRIDAY, DEC. 2

**12 p.m.** Meet the Candidates, sponsored by Student Association. Angell College Center Alumni Conference Room.

## SATURDAY, DEC. 3

**3 p.m.** ODK New Member Induction, sponsored by Omicron Delta Kappa. Hawkins Hall E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium.

**6 p.m.** Fall Gospel Concert, sponsored by Gospel Choir. Hawkins Hall E. Glenn Giltz Auditorium.

**10 p.m.** The House of Madness -Movie, sponsored by PSU Late Night. Angell College Center Alumni Conference Room.

**10 p.m.** Comedian Richie Byrne, sponsored by PSU Late Night. Angell College Center Flynt Commons.

## SUNDAY, DEC. 4

**3 p.m.** Winter Festival 2005, sponsored by Student Activities Office. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

**6 p.m.** Monthly Reflection Meeting & Activity, sponsored by Plattsburgh Student Service Corps. Angell College Center Warren Ballroom A.

## MONDAY, DEC. 5

**10 p.m.** SA Executive Council Meeting, sponsored by SA Executive Council. Angell College Center Alumni Conference Room.

## TUESDAY, DEC. 6

**1:30 p.m.** Weekly Parking Appeals Meeting, sponsored by University Police. Angell College Center Meeting Rooms 5 and 6.

**4:30 p.m.** Tuesday Reflections, sponsored by Arts & Sciences. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

**7 p.m.** Performance Class II, sponsored by Music Department. The Hyman and Frances Krinovitz Recital Hall.

**8 p.m.** Diversity Enlightenment Session, sponsored by Center for Diversity Pluralism & Inclusion. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

## WEDNESDAY, DEC. 7

**11:30 a.m.** Holiday Buffet, sponsored by Sodexho. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

**7:30 p.m.** Guitar Concert, Guitar students and director, Michael Angelo Frattino, perform. Free admission, arrive early-limited seating! The Hyman and Frances Krinovitz Recital Hall.

**8 p.m.** Ringing Down the Curtain, sponsored by Theatre Department. Hartman Theater, Myers Fine Arts.

**10 p.m.** S.A. Senate Meetings, sponsored by SA Senate. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

## THURSDAY, DEC. 8

**12:30 p.m.** ACB Meetings, sponsored by SA Activities Coordination Board. Angell College Center Amnesty Room.

**8 p.m.** Ringing Down the Curtain, sponsored by Theatre Department. Hartman Theater, Myers Fine Arts.

## FRIDAY, DEC. 9

**7 p.m.** The President's Gala, sponsored by SA Activities Coordination Board. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

## SATURDAY, DEC. 10

**10 p.m.** BINGO, sponsored by Student Activities



Office. Angell College Center Point Snack Bar.

#### **MONDAY, DEC. 12**

**10 p.m.** SA Executive Council Meeting, sponsored by SA Executive Council. Angell College Center Alumni Conference Room.

#### **TUESDAY, DEC. 13**

**1:30 p.m.** Weekly Parking Appeals Meeting, sponsored by University Police. Angell College Center Meeting Rooms 5 and 6.

**4:30 p.m.** Faculty Senate Monthly Meeting, sponsored by Faculty Senate. Angell College Center Alumni Conference Room.

#### **WEDNESDAY, DEC. 14**

**10 p.m.** S.A. Senate Meetings, sponsored by SA Senate. Angell College

Center Cardinal Lounge.

#### **THURSDAY, DEC. 15**

**8 a.m.** Alzheimers Disease Conference, sponsored by College Auxiliary Services. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

**12:30 p.m.** ACB Meetings, sponsored by SA Activities Coordination Board. Angell College Center Amnesty Room.

#### **SATURDAY, DEC. 17**

**8 a.m.** School of Business & Economic Graduation Breakfast, sponsored by School of Business & Economics. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

**11 a.m.** Winter Commencement. Faculty and graduating seniors should be at the Field House no later than 10 a.m.

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### **SA To Hold Gala Event Dec. 9**

The Student Association is hosting the Presidents' Gala Evening of Elegance on Friday, Dec. 9 at 7 p.m. in the Warren Ballrooms, Angell College Center. The cost is \$25 for faculty, staff and community members and \$6 for single, \$10 per couple for SUNY Plattsburgh students.

Proceeds from the event will go to the Student Association William D. Laundry Endowment through the Plattsburgh College Foundation.

"We've never had such a formal event," said Jessica Holmes, member of the SA Activities Coordination Board and a nursing major from Cobleskill, N.Y. "We are very excited to be hosting this event. The committee has been working very hard on the preparations for the gala."

Individuals attending are encouraged to wear semi-formal evening wear to the dinner and dance event.

For more information or to make reservations, contact the SA at 564-3200.

### **Author Arturo Vivante to Read from His Work Nov. 29**

Arturo Vivante, author of short stories that have appeared in *The New York Times* and the *New Yorker*, will recite from several of his works during a reading on Tuesday, Nov. 29, at 7:30 p.m. in the Cardinal Lounge, Angell College Center. The reading is free and open to the public, and refreshments will be served.

Born in Rome, Vivante graduated from McGill University (Montreal) before returning to the University of Rome to pursue the study of medicine. He graduated in 1949 and practiced medicine in Rome until 1958, when he ended his medical career and moved to America to pursue a career as a professional writer.

In addition to writing short stories and novels, Vivante has served on the faculty of several American colleges and universities. He won the Italian Communication Award in 1976 and was the recipient of a National Endowment for the Arts grant in 1979.

His work has appeared in numerous prominent publications, including *Vogue*, *The New York Times*, *The Guardian* and most notably in the *New Yorker*, where he has published more than 70 short stories.

In addition to his short stories, Vivante is the author of such novels as *A Goodly Babe* and *Doctor Giovanni*.

This event is sponsored by the Visiting Poets and Writers Series of the English Department, the Office of the Dean of Arts and Science and Campus Life and co-sponsored by Poets & Writers, Inc., through public funds that it has received from the New York State Council of the Arts.

### **Town Hall Meeting Nov. 29**

Assemblyman Chris Ortloff and the Assembly Republican Steering Committee will host a town hall meeting on issues important to young New Yorkers on Tuesday, Nov. 29 at 6 p.m. in the Mowry Conference Room, Redcay Hall. Everyone is invited to attend.

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## **Winter Session Adds More Courses**

SUNY Plattsburgh has added more Winter Session courses. Popular courses such as Intro to Canada, Nutrition and Well-Being and Foundations of Personal Health have been added due to the high demand for these courses each semester.

This year, a five-week online session has also been implemented to allow faculty to develop and offer more online courses. As a result, 17 online courses will be offered, making it even more convenient for students to take a winter session course.

The five-week session will also allow students the

option of taking up to six credits during Winter Session. Although some course dates may vary, the online session will run from Dec. 19 to Jan. 20, 2006.

"SUNY Plattsburgh has one of the largest Winter Sessions in SUNY," said Dr. Robert Golden, provost and vice president for academic affairs. "SUNY Plattsburgh Winter Session has online courses, courses here in Plattsburgh or at our extension site at Adirondack Community College."

Registration continues until Dec. 30. For more information, visit [www.plattsburgh.edu/academics/winter/](http://www.plattsburgh.edu/academics/winter/)



## Phonathon Reaches Out to Alumni for Support

This year's phonathon campaign by the Plattsburgh College Foundation is off to a good start. As of Nov. 20, the campaign has raised nearly \$130,000 in pledges.

About 30 students are hired by the Foundation to call alumni of SUNY Plattsburgh to ask for financial support of the College. This support helps to increase scholarships that are available to current students as well as other projects funded through the Foundation.

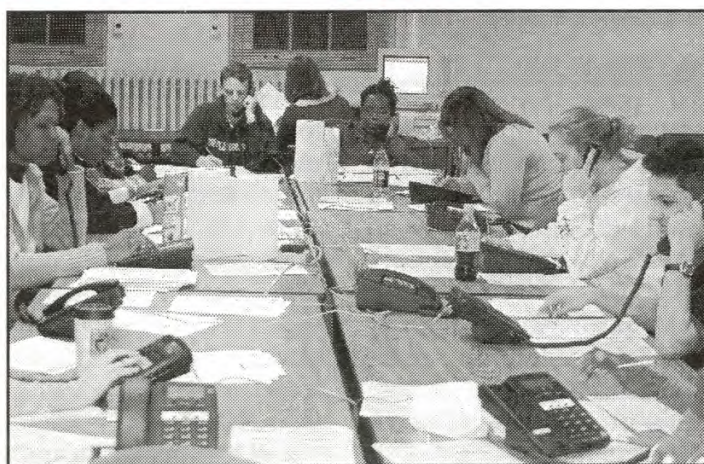
"Phonathon is an important campaign because the alumni receive an opportunity to play an active role in the college experience of current students at Plattsburgh State," said Naronie Ganesh, assistant director of annual giving and coordinator of the phonathon. "When alumni make a financial investment in the College, they tend to become involved in other ways, for instance returning for Homecoming Weekend and volunteering on special projects."

Ganesh said that she is proud of the student callers and their work for the phonathon this semester.

"Considering that most students were first time callers this semester and that this was my first experience with running the program, I think we pulled it off nicely," she said. "The students are focused on building a bond with the alumni and it is a pleasure to hear from the alumni that they enjoy talking with the student callers."

Omefa Prass, a sophomore from Brooklyn, N.Y., said that she is having a good experience as a phonathon caller.

"I would describe my phonathon experience as a learn-



**Students call alumni for financial support during the annual phonathon campaign for the Plattsburgh College Foundation.**

ing experience. I was given the opportunity to not only speak with alumni and be a part of the team that helps make the College Foundation a success, but I've learned a lot from this experience," said Prass.

"It's also a great way to meet friends working in a comfortable environment and the time is convenient. It helps to improve your social and communication skills as well. Overall, it's awesome."

## TAC Helps Tourism Promotion Agencies in the North Country

The Adirondacks - North Country region is a world-class destination for travelers, according to the tourism professionals responsible for marketing the region.

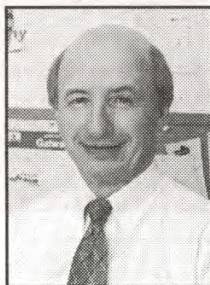
The Technical Assistance Center (TAC) at SUNY Plattsburgh is helping the industry evaluate how successful it is in attracting visitors.

Howard Lowe, director of TAC, said that research that involves the faculty at SUNY Plattsburgh helps counties in the North Country evaluate the effectiveness of tourism initiatives and the economic impact of tourists on the region.

"When I came to TAC, I saw the growing Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism Management (HRTM) Program and reached out to them," said Lowe. "Two members of the faculty were indeed interested in researching regional tourism."

So far, TAC has teamed up with David Hensarling, lecturer in HRTM, to do a hotel feasibility study for Ticonderoga.

TAC has also worked with John Parmelee, lecturer in HRTM, and the Lake Placid/Essex County Convention



**Lowe**

and Visitors Bureau on several studies including a two-year analysis of its national marketing campaign and an economic impact and competitor profile study of the annual Ironman event.

"TAC is beginning to be recognized as a resource for tourism promotion agencies in the North Country," said Lowe. "This work is consistent with our mission and strategic plan -- we're creating partnerships in the community, research opportunities for faculty and learning opportunities for students."

Lowe said that an economic impact study for the Olympic Regional Development Authority (ORDA) is also under way. Parmelee and Jim Murphy, economic development specialist at TAC, will work together on this study.

Lowe has also been working on tourism-related projects through his role as president of the board of directors for Lakes to Locks Passage, Inc. As

president, he has recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Conference Regionale Des Elus de la Monteregie Est, or CRE, (the Regional Conference of Elected Officials in Eastern Monteregie, Southern Quebec). This agreement is the result of several years of discussions with individuals in Quebec to establish a formal relationship for cross-border tourism promotion.

Lakes to Locks Passage is a non-profit organization that works on regional tourism development and is designated a National Scenic Byway, which is located in five counties in New York including Saratoga, Washington, Warren, Essex and Clinton. The byway is one of 21 all-American roads.

"The byway program fostered the development of a multi-jurisdictional organization for grass-roots community development that is admired by many in Quebec as an excellent venue for this type of initiative," said Lowe. "This is an exciting opportunity for all of us and a concrete way to implement our plans for establishing a truly international tourism destination."



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## Men's Soccer Team Does Cardinal Red Proud

The Men's Soccer Team made a valiant effort to win the NCAA Division III Championship, rising all the way to the Final Four.

Celebrating its best season in history, the Cardinals had a 16-game winning streak on the line before matching up with defending national champion and top-ranked Messiah College (22-0) at the NCAA Division III Tournament Final Four semifinals at MacPherson Stadium in Greensboro, N.C. on Friday, Nov. 25.

The Cardinals fought hard, but ended up short as Messiah advanced with a 4-0 victory.

"There is no question I am proud of them; they never put their heads down and kept working. We simply ran into a better team," said Christopher Waterbury, head coach of the Cardinal team.

The Cardinals got to Greensboro by defeating Williams College 1-0 at home on Sunday, Nov. 20, in the sectional finals.

Along the way, the team won the SUNYAC Championship by defeating Brockport 3-0. This win gave the Cardinals an automatic bid to the Division III NCAA tournament.

"The Men's Soccer Team did an outstanding job this year," said SUNY Plattsburgh President John Ettling.

"Lisa and I had the pleasure of seeing the team in action in Greensboro. We are very proud of our team.

I know the campus community joins me in congratulating the student-athletes and coaches for a record-breaking season."

Summing up the season, Waterbury said, "As a coach, it was a great year. We accomplished many statistical goals, but the team made it a



The Men's Soccer Team celebrates after defeating Brockport in the SUNYAC Championships.

pleasure to come to practice every day.

"Everyone brought their A-game to practice day in and day out. They did everything we asked and I'm proud to have been a part of a great group of players who I believe will shine for Plattsburgh long after soccer."

## Hira Shafqat Named Commencement Student Speaker



Shafqat

Accounting and business major Hira Shafqat made a frantic early morning phone call to her home in Pakistan. The news? She had just been chosen the student speaker for Winter Commencement on Saturday, Dec. 11.

The graduation ceremony is set for 11 a.m. in the Field House with more than 450 SUNY Plattsburgh students eligible to receive bachelor's and master's degrees and certificates of advanced study.

"I never believed I would get this honor," said Shafqat. "I didn't think I stood a chance. Dr. Mowry called me and told me my speech had been chosen and I told him, 'You made my day.'"

Shafqat, who will be graduating Magna Cum Laude, has been an outstanding student as well as a very active one on campus. Among her many activities, she is a resident assistant in Wilson Hall, a founding member of the International Student Service Committee and treasurer of the Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE).

"When I first came to Plattsburgh, I wasn't that involved, but then as I made friends from different countries, they were really helpful in talking to me about joining different groups," she said. "I first became involved with SIFE as the vice president. From there, I became a resident assistant then started doing community service. I had excellent people to guide me."

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## College Developing Position for Service Learning, Teaching Effectiveness

SUNY Plattsburgh is seeking a person to fulfill a new position on campus; coordinator of the Center for Teaching Effectiveness and faculty director of Service Learning.

The College had advertised for the position of faculty director of the Office of Service Learning and will also be in need of a coordinator of the Center for Teaching Effectiveness in order to replace Dr. Douglas Skopp, distinguished teaching professor of history and college historian, and Dr. Kenneth Adams, distinguished teaching professor of earth and environmental science, who have served as co-coordinators of the Center.

They will be stepping down from their roles effective July 1, 2006.

The College has decided to pursue a grant opportunity, which would combine the coordinator of the Center for Teaching Effectiveness and the faculty director of the Office

of Service Learning into a full-time, grant-funded position.

The application for this new position is currently being developed by a group led by Cori Matthews, director of the Center for Service Learning and Volunteerism.

If successful, the grant would fund the full-time position for three years while the College would gradually assume responsibility for the position.

According to Dr. Robert Golden, provost and vice president for academic affairs, the College will need a full-time person if the Center of Teaching Effectiveness and the position of Faculty Director of the Office of Service Learning are to develop to their full potential, the College

"We hope that combining these two positions will create an attractive full-time position that will also attract external funding for these important efforts," said Golden.



**Jeremiah Ward (left), a junior from Cadyville, N.Y., is the first recipient of the John L. Yardan Award for Excellence in Philosophy. The award, which comes with a \$500 scholarship, is named for Dr. John Yardan, a member of the SUNY Plattsburgh Philosophy Department for nearly 40 years. His wife, Annette Yardan (right), has endowed this scholarship in memory of her husband, who passed away last May. The award will be given annually to an outstanding philosophy major.**

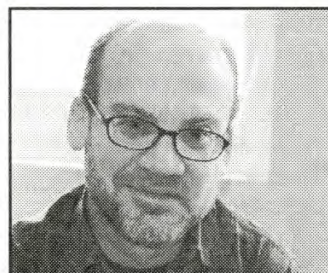
### New Learning Communities Coordinator

Dr. Robert Keever, associate professor of mathematics, has been appointed coordinator of learning communities for the period Jan. 1, 2006, – June 30, 2007.

He will replace Dr. Thomas Morrissey, professor of English, who has served in the role of coordinator for the last three years.

Keever will have the responsibility for oversight of the learning communities, including reviewing future options for new developments in this college project.

"I am very excited about this opportunity," said Keever. "I see the learning communities as a chance to add a new dimension to the education our students currently receive. I think that as academicians, the faculty love to explore new ways to fit our field in with others. We try to show our students how to see things in a different way. By tying courses together, you can highlight how different disciplines approach the same subject. The opportunities are immense."



**Keever**

### Commencement (Continued from Page 1)

Her post-graduation plans include going to work for an auditing firm in Washington, D.C.

Shafqat said that she has enjoyed being a student at Plattsburgh and will miss the people she's met here.

"I will miss being an RA. That was a wonderful experience. I got to meet and interact with a lot of people. I will also miss my friends and my professors a lot."

Shafqat said that one professor in particular went above and beyond: "Dr. Gaber (associate professor and

chair of accounting). I probably can not ever repay him."

Shafqat said that her speech will focus on how students make choices - the choice of Plattsburgh, the choice of what residence hall to live in, the choice of friends, the choice of majors.

"I called my grandfather to tell him the news of being the student speaker, because he has played a very important part of my life. I wanted to share this with him the most. He helped me with my speech," said Shafqat.

President John Ettling will preside over the commencement ceremony, and Dr. Charles I. Zinser, professor of geography, will serve as the faculty marshal. Zinser will lead the processional of faculty and students into the ceremony, carrying the College mace.

The Adirondack Brass will provide the music, including "Pomp and Circumstance," and the Champlain District Pipe Band will also perform. The Cardinal Singers, under the direction of Jo Ellen Miano, associate professor of music, will also perform.



# Students Work Hands-on With Skull Project

Anna Brost studies the skull in front of her, carefully placing precisely cut strips of clay onto the facial structure. Her goal is to reproduce the face on the skull and to create a close likeness of what the person would have looked like while alive.

Brost, along with classmates Ryan McCalla and Courtney Donovan, are working on a term project for Dr. Mark Cohen, SUNY distinguished professor, in his forensic anthropology course. Each of the three students have a replica skull. By using clay and glue sticks, they are "re-creating" the face.

"I have enjoyed this project," said Brost, a junior anthropology major from Rome, N.Y. "I found it very interesting, and I feel I learn better when I get to do things hands-on."

That's the philosophy of education that Cohen subscribes to – having students learn by doing.

"I create problems instead of giving facts," said Cohen. "Having students learning hands-on is the best way to teach. It's like throwing the students in the water making them learn how to swim. This is a very interactive project, and I have found that small group projects create the best environment for students to learn."

Other projects have included learning how to examine cut marks and soil samples as well as mapping and drawing techniques used in real crime scene recovery and reconstruction.

Forensic anthropologists apply standard scientific techniques developed in physical anthropology to

identify human remains and to assist in the detection of crime. Forensic anthropologists frequently work in conjunction with forensic pathologists and homicide investigators to identify a dead person, discover evidence of foul play, and/or how much time has elapsed since death. This line of work has recently become popular due to the hit television show, *CSI*.

In addition to assisting in locating and recovering suspicious remains, forensic anthropologists work to suggest the age, sex, ancestry, stature and unique features of a decedent from the skeleton.

"I'm trying to figure out as much as I can from the skull," said McCalla, a sophomore anthropology major from Ballston Spa, N.Y. "Some of the things to detect include the age, sex and geographic origin. This can be difficult by looking just at the skull. If I had the pelvis too, it would be much easier."

McCalla has researched his skull and, by comparing it to widely accepted charts compiled from autopsies of known people, has determined that it is from an African-American male, whom he has affectionately named "Bruce." This research is labor intensive and can be very time consuming.

"This project has to be the most challenging project that I have ever done," said Donovan, a sophomore anthropology major from Shirley, N.Y. "I like to pay attention to the process of the skull I am working on."

Using clay, various lengths of cut



**Anna Brost sculpts a face on a skull for her forensic anthropology course.**

glue sticks, scalpels and various shaping tools, the students carefully create a face for the skull. The charts tell the students where to place the glue stick pieces on the skull and how long they should be. After the glue stick pieces are attached to the skull, clay is then molded onto the skull like skin, with the depth regulated by the glue stick pieces.

"Working on the skull is more like forensic art – part science, part art," said McCalla. "I am making the closest reproduction that I can by following the proper methods and using my artistic ability. We want to get a likeness that can be identified by a family member or police officer, for example."

Cohen also teaches the students another lesson – debunking.

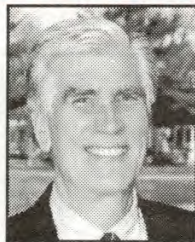
"I'm also trying to teach the students to debunk what they have seen on such television shows as *CSI*. I want them to ask themselves, 'Can you do this?' I'm teaching skepticism."

## Dr. Thomas Moran Named Interim Vice President

Dr. E. Thomas Moran, former provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, has been named interim vice president for Institutional Advancement.

Moran will replace Nancy Dailey, vice president for Institutional Advancement, who announced her resignation effective Dec. 30.

Moran, a 1969 SUNY Plattsburgh graduate, has spent most of his career at Plattsburgh, serving in various administrative capacities. In 1999, he left his post as provost and vice president for academic affairs to launch the Institute for Ethics in Public Life, that in response to the College's Strategic Plan to cultivate in students the qualities of engaged, committed and ethically responsive citizenship. In 2002, he was named a SUNY distinguished service professor because of his service, teaching, scholarship and contributions to SUNY, its students and community.



**Moran**

SUNY Plattsburgh President John Ettling said he chose Moran after consulting with his senior administrative staff.

"Dr. Moran is widely admired on campus and in the community," Ettling said. "His administrative experience in managing large and complex organizations, along with his knowledge and understanding of the College, will serve the Office of Institutional Advancement well."

Institutional Advancement is responsible for alumni relations, fundraising through the Plattsburgh College Foundation, public relations and marketing.

Moran will continue in his capacity as director of the Institute for Ethics in Public Life while the College launches a nationwide search for a permanent successor for the vice president position. A search committee will be formed prior to the end of the fall semester.



# focus on seniors

On Saturday, Dec. 17, SUNY Plattsburgh will send forth another group of graduates who are off to start the next step in their lives. Some will continue their education at institutions across the country while others will enter the workforce. We're proud of each and every one of them and can be confident that they have a solid foundation as a result of their SUNY Plattsburgh education. The following articles highlight a few students from the Plattsburgh State Class of 2005. (Written by Aimee McCauley, Molly Byrne and Zoe Genova, public relations interns.)

**Kathleen Stone**, a geology major, transferred here from Clinton Community College (CCC), where she was the valedictorian of her class. Stone started her college career a little later than most, and at the age of 30, will receive her bachelor's degree at Winter Commencement.



**Stone**

"It's been challenging and wonderful for my self-esteem and confidence," said Stone. "It has done a lot for me as a person."

Stone is the mother of two -- a son, Austin, who is in the fifth-grade, and a daughter, Colette, who is four-years old.

**Ian MacCormack** is graduating this December with a degree in education. During his time at SUNY Plattsburgh, he has been an asset to his fraternity Alpha Chi Rho.

MacCormack served as president of the fraternity as well as vice president of operations for the Interfraternity Council, the governance unit of all fraternities on campus.

He has received awards for the highest fraternity/sorority grade point average and the highest governance grade point average.

**Kristin Spring** will have the honor of being the first student to receive her bachelor's in ecology from earth and environmental science.

Spring, from Washingtonville, N.Y., has applied to Columbia Teachers College in hopes of attending graduate school for teaching.

"My science and history professors were the most supportive and encouraging people I've come to know in life," said Spring. "They have helped me through every step with complete faith that I would complete the task at hand."

Her husband, James, works at Wyeth.

Stone was an accounting clerk prior to going back to school.

"I was in a dead-end job. I saw no future, and I wanted to better myself."

While going to school, she has also taught Math 101 at CCC as well as worked in the geology labs at Plattsburgh State.

"When you're an adult student, it's definitely challenging. I've had to have really good organization of my time."

She has decided to get her master's in teaching, with the hopes of becoming a secondary education science teacher.

"I've learned a lot more about myself. My experience here has been better than my expectations."

MacCormack has been away from Plattsburgh, student-teaching this semester but has still remained an active member in his fraternity.

During Homecoming, he was awarded the Student Staff Award for his work in the Center for Greek Affairs and Leadership Development. In this role, MacCormack did a multitude of tasks, including maintaining contact with families of students who have pledged fraternities and sororities and ensured the office's records were complete from recruitment through initiation.

Spring is a member of multiple honor societies at Plattsburgh State. She has been inducted to Phi Eta Sigma (freshman honor society), Phi Alpha Theta (history honor society), Sigma Xi (scientific research society), and Omicron Delta Kappa (national leadership society).

Spring hopes to one day pursue a career teaching biology.



**Spring**

**Daniel Christie**, from Syracuse, N.Y., is a regular in the ceramics studio in the Myers Fine Arts Building.

An art major with a concentration in ceramics, Christie said that he has enjoyed his time at SUNY Plattsburgh.

"I was able to grow quite a bit here," said Christie. "I connected with a lot of professors here. The art faculty are really reliable for their guidance."

He plans to continue working in ceramics and is applying for residencies and graduate schools where he can continue his work.

Christie was commissioned to make cups for the Koffee Kat, a coffee house in downtown Plattsburgh. He has also been active with the North Country Cultural Center.

"I've taught ceramics to elementary students as part of a 21st. Century Grant through the cultural center," said Christie. "I also teach private lessons through the center."



**Christie**

**Rebecca Turner** from Peru, N.Y., is a mass communications major and will be graduating Summa Cum Laude (highest honors) with a GPA over 3.9.



**Turner**

"Plattsburgh State has been a great experience," said Turner. "Two teachers, Professor Tim Clukey and Dr. Jin Kim, have inspired me to try my hardest at all I do."

Turner has been inducted into two honor societies, Lambda Pi Eta (communications honor society), and Phi Kappa Phi (national academic honor society).

She plans on returning to school after graduation in order to pursue a degree in nursing.



# focus on seniors

**Orin Swanton**, a computer science major, was questioning his decision to come to Plattsburgh about this time of year during his first semester.



**Swanton**

He was used to 95-degree days at his home in Trinidad in the Caribbean. It didn't take him too long, however, to become acclimated to the North Country winters and to SUNY Plattsburgh.

"Soon as I felt the weather, I called home," he said. "But then I started getting more involved. I started up a club called the Afro-Brazilian Capoeira Club and became involved in the Gospel Choir."

He received the Marlene Fields Award for outstanding member in the choir last semester. He was the first

male to receive this honor.

Swanton is a resident assistant in Mason Hall and works for the Career Development Center on campus.

Through these extracurricular experiences, he's been able to use his computer science knowledge.

"I prefer Web applications and Internet technologies," said Swanton. "I learned a lot because of my involvement with these clubs, and I applied it to my classes."

This past summer, he interned with Wyeth in the Drug Safety Information Center.

Following graduation, he hopes to work for a year and then go on to graduate school.

"I took a bio class from Dr. (Donald) Shish, and I became interested in bioinformation technology. This is where I would like to end up 10 or 15 years down the line."

**Matthew Kasprzak**, from Endwell, N.Y., will receive his bachelor's degree in environmental science on Saturday, Dec. 17.

Kasprzak transferred to SUNY Plattsburgh five semesters ago from SUNY Morrisville. A true lover of the outdoors, he has been involved in both the Environmental Science Club and the Outing Club.

"I love the Adirondacks," said Kasprzak. "It is the perfect place to be if you love the environment."

Kasprzak has also been on the Dean's List for several semesters.

In lieu of future plans, Kasprzak has applied for an internship with the Student Conservation Association.

The Student Conservation Association (SCA) provides service internships and volunteer opportunities in national parks, forests and other public lands to high school and college students.

Also, in January, Kasprzak will be taking the Civil Service Exam to apply for a job with the Department of Environmental Conservation, where he would like to hold a job in environmental analysis.

"I loved my time here at Plattsburgh," said Kasprzak. "I would recommend this school to anyone who would want to study environmental science. I definitely feel prepared for the real world."

**Jamie Prudhomme**, originally from Cohoes, N.Y., knows the meaning of managing her time.

As a biology major who will be graduating Magna Cum Laude and a Lady Cardinal for the Plattsburgh State Women's Softball Team, Prudhomme has plenty on her plate.

Prudhomme said her busy schedule has helped her excel in both academics and athletics.

"Being involved in sports on campus makes it so much



**Prudhomme**

easier to manage your time," she said. "Being engaged in clubs and organizations on campus leaves you no time to procrastinate and helps you do better in school."

Prudhomme hopes to work in the biology technology industry for a year before continuing on to graduate school.

"The experience I have had at Plattsburgh State has been great," said Prudhomme. "Between the professors and the friendly community, I am definitely going to look back on my time here very pleased with what I have accomplished."

**Cherese DeRoche**, a senior from St. Vincent and the Grenadines, will graduate with a bachelor's degree in marketing and a minor in Africana Studies.



**DeRoche**

DeRoche came to Plattsburgh from St. Vincent Community College, where she graduated in 2001 as the valedictorian. Since her arrival at SUNY Plattsburgh, DeRoche has been involved in leadership positions throughout campus. She has held many positions with the Student Association, including senator and Organizational Affairs Board member. She is currently the vice president of Student Activities.

She is a resident assistant in Kent Hall and has been both the vice president and president of Club Caribbean, and manager of the Gospel Choir.

"I learned so much about leadership at Plattsburgh," she said. "My involvement here has given me opportunities I never thought would happen."

DeRoche is a member of the national leadership honor society Omicron Delta Kappa and has received awards for her involvement with the Student Association.

Still looking for the perfect job, DeRoche hopes to attend graduate school in fall 2006. She is looking at Penn State and SUNY Binghamton.

"My time here was great," said DeRoche. "I learned how to think big, and got so much support from everyone here at Plattsburgh."



# FOCUS Calendar

Friday, Dec. 9 - Tuesday, Dec. 20

For information on weekly meetings and other upcoming events, check the Plattsburgh State Web Calendar at: <http://banweb.cc.plattsburgh.edu/banprd/plsql/events.calendar>

## FRIDAY, DEC. 9

**7 p.m.** The President's Gala, sponsored by SA Activities Coordination Board. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

## SATURDAY, DEC. 10

**10 p.m.** BINGO, sponsored by Student Activities Office. Angell College Center Point Snack Bar.

## MONDAY, DEC. 12

**10 p.m.** SA Executive Council Meeting, sponsored by SA Executive Council. Angell Center Alumni Conference Room.

## TUESDAY, DEC. 13

**1:30 p.m.** Weekly Parking Appeals Meeting, sponsored by University Police. Angell College Center Meeting Rooms 5 and 6.

**4:30 p.m.** Faculty Senate Monthly Meeting, sponsored by Faculty Senate. Angell College Center Alumni Conference Room.

## WEDNESDAY, DEC. 14

**10 p.m.** S.A. Senate Meetings, sponsored by SA

Senate. Angell College Center Cardinal Lounge.

## THURSDAY, DEC. 15

**8 a.m.** Alzheimers Disease Conference, sponsored by College Auxiliary Services. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

**12:30 p.m.** ACB Meetings, sponsored by SA Activities Coordination Board. Angell College Center Amnesty Room.

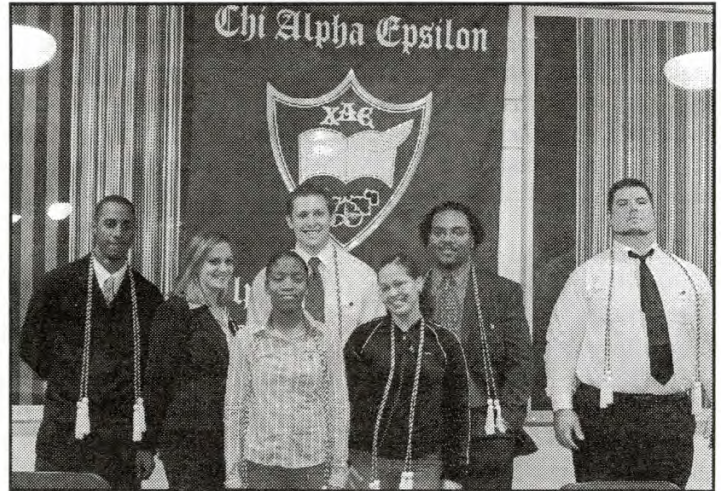
## SATURDAY, DEC. 17

**8 a.m.** School of Business & Economic Graduation Breakfast, sponsored by School of Business & Economics. Angell College Center Warren Ballrooms.

**11 a.m.** Winter Commencement. Faculty and graduating seniors should be at the Field House no later than 10 a.m.

## TUESDAY, DEC. 20

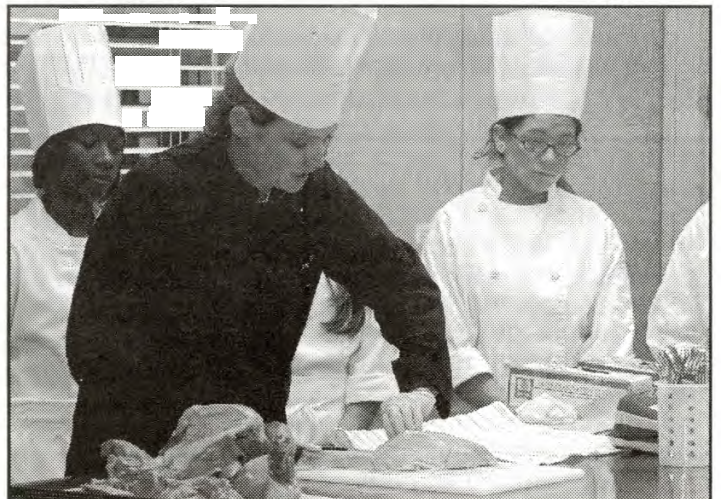
**10 a.m. - 2 p.m.** Institutional Advancement Holiday Open House. Everyone is invited to attend. Hawkins Hall, Hawkins Patio.



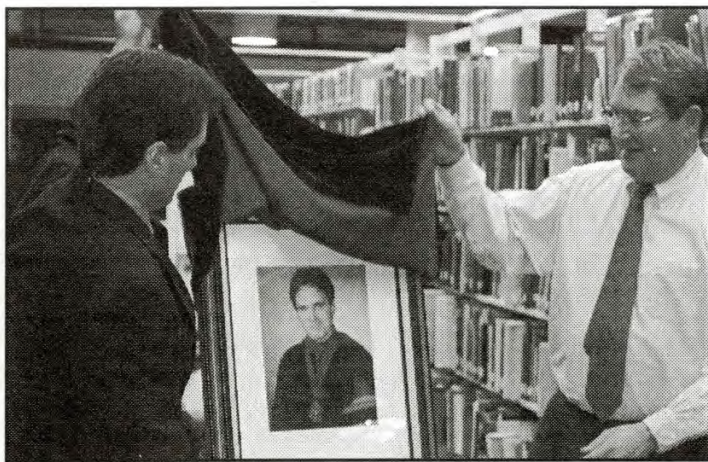
The Equal Opportunity Program Fall 2005 Academic Recognition Ceremony was recently held to recognize the academic achievements of its students during the spring 2005 semester, as well as to recognize upcoming December graduates and the induction of eight new members of Chi Alpha Epsilon (XAE) National Honor Society. XAE, first chartered in 1990 at West Chester University, Pa., was established to recognize the academic achievements of students admitted to college through programs similar to EOP. Students seeking induction into XAE must have achieved a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher for two consecutive semesters. Members achieving semester GPAs of 3.5 or higher receive additional recognition through society pin upgrades. The Alpha Rho Chapter of XAE was established at Plattsburgh State in 1999 and was the second such chapter chartered in New York. Nine students and Marlene Fields, chapter advisor were charter members of the chapter. Since that time, 61 students, including our newest inductees and EOP counselors Robert Harsh and Sara Richman, have earned honorable membership in the society. This years inductees were (l-r): Angel Acosta, Amanda Belden, Shazzia Hines, Michael Feldman, Sarah Matos, Humberto Frances and William Rock (Laura Felder not pictured).

When the *Press-Republican* needed to talk to someone about how to carve the holiday turkey, who better to talk with than Kim Emery, chef and instructor in the Hotel, Restaurant and Tourism Management Program. Flanked by students, Emery showed off her carving skills for the newspaper reporter and photographer. (The story appeared on page 3 in the newspaper's Thanksgiving issue, Nov. 24.)

# Happy Holidays







## A Distinguished Unveiling

Dr. David Franzi, distinguished teaching professor of earth and environmental science, was honored at his recent portrait unveiling in the Feinberg Library. His portrait will join other SUNY Plattsburgh distinguished professor portraits on the first floor of the library. Franzi was promoted to the rank of distinguished teaching professor last May by the SUNY Board of Trustees. Following comments by Dr. John Ettling, president of the College, and Dr. Robert Golden, provost and vice president for academic affairs, Drs. Malcolm Fairweather and Kenneth Adams introduced Franzi to the members of the college community who were in attendance. Franzi and Ettling then did the unveiling honors (left).

## Spotlight

on faculty and staff

**Jessica Antonucci**, Upward Bound events coordinator, has been selected for inclusion in the 2005-06 edition of the *Empire Who's Who Among Executive and Professional Women Registry*.

**Dr. Rodney Cavanaugh**, professor of special education, and senior special education majors Jodi Butler, Kelly Leamy, Rachael Martindale and Kara Tusa, presented, "Peer Tutoring: An Oldie, but a Goodie," at the 2005 Convention of the New York Federation of Councils for Exceptional Children held in Mellville, N.Y. in November. The session featured narrated demonstrations of the peer tutoring process and audience practice of the technique.

**Elaine Leavitt**, Upward Bound director, presented a concurrent session at the Vermont Education Opportunity Programs (VEOP) Annual Conference in October. The topic of her session was, "Collaboration and Promotion within the Institutional Environment." She was also honored with the VEOP Distinguished Service Award. This award has been given only six times in the past 25 years and has never before been given to a member from New York State.

**Dr. Mark Holden**, adjunct lecturer in English, won first place in the 2005 Kurt Vonnegut Fiction Prize for his story, "Go Ride the Train," which was published in the May-August issue of *North American Review*.

**Dr. Suzanne Hungerford**, **Dr. Michael Morgan** and **Dr. Patrick Coppens**, members of the Communication Disorders and Sciences Department, presented three poster sessions at the American Speech-Language-Hearing

Association National Convention in San Diego, Nov. 16 - 19. Hungerford's presentation was titled, "Children's listening problems: Related to auditory processing, attention, or language?" Morgan's presentation was titled, "The rock singer: Conservative treatment of true vocal folds polyp." Dr. Coppens' presentation was titled, "Teaching evidence-based practice: What works?"

**Dr. Alexis Levitin**, professor of English, took part in the joint conference of the American Literary Translators Association and the Literary Translators Association of Canada in Montreal in November. In addition to organizing 17 sessions of bilingual readings, he gave an evening translation reading drawn from more than 30 years of work in the field. He was also honored with a plaque of recognition from both organizations.

**Michael Miranda**, librarian and academic coordinator for SUNY Plattsburgh athletics, is the current chair of the Division III Management Council and the NCAA Research Committee. He was recently named the recipient of the David Knight Award by the Faculty Athletics Representatives Association (FARA) and was recognized for his contributions to FARA and his abundant service to NCAA committees. The Knight Award was established in 2003. Knight, regarded as a champion of NCAA academic standards, died in 2003 of cancer.



Antonucci



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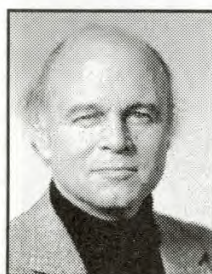
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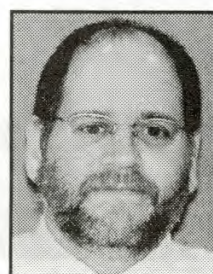
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## Exhibition Showcases New Faculty Works

An exhibition at the Plattsburgh State Art Museum features the work of new art faculty. The exhibition, which opened on Nov. 30, will be on display until Jan. 31, 2006, in the Burke Gallery, Myers Fine Arts Building.

The artists/professors exhibiting work are Sue Lezon in photography; Drew Goerlitz in sculpture (using wood, steel, paper and plastic); David Powell, a graphic designer, concentrates on collage and working through digital montage; and Norman Taber, primarily a graphic designer, showing various forms of creative exploration in different mediums.

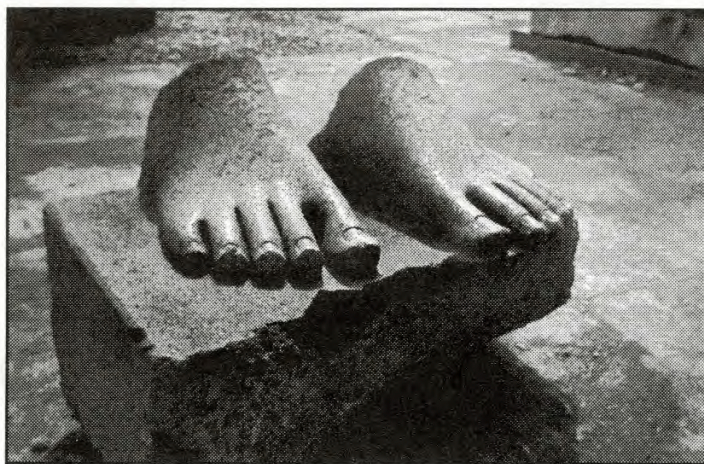
Speaking of the new faculty, Dennis Costanzo, chair of the art department, said, "Their excellence as teachers is already well established. Their productivity as creative artists is central to that excellence and is superbly represented in this show."

These four artists have joined the SUNY Plattsburgh art faculty during the past five years. Taber began his tenure in 2000, teaching in the area of graphic design. His work as both a commercial artist and a fine artist includes book illustration, poster design and innovatively mixed media images.

Powell came to Plattsburgh in 2001 after a long career as a professional graphic designer. His favorite medium is collage in which digital and traditional techniques are combined to present thought-provoking messages.

Lezon was an archeological photographer in the Middle East for many years before coming to Plattsburgh in 2003. Her extensive experience in Egypt has provided a rich source of imagery for her evocative black and white photographs.

Goerlitz is the newest faculty member, currently in his



**Untitled photograph by Sue Lezon, taken in Luxor, Egypt in 2002.**

first year at SUNY Plattsburgh. A former student of Don Osborn, faculty emeritus of sculpture, Goerlitz completed a prestigious residency in Switzerland before joining the Plattsburgh State faculty. He makes steel-constructed sculptures that incorporate various unexpected materials and ideas, often on a large scale.

Edward Brohel, museum director, said, "A subtle and carefully-nuanced program of study interacting on many levels has been developed at Plattsburgh in the Art Department. Some of the reasons for this are apparent in this exhibition."

For more information, contact the Plattsburgh Art Museum at 564-2474 or visit online at [http://clubs.plattsburgh.edu/museum/fac\\_05.htm](http://clubs.plattsburgh.edu/museum/fac_05.htm)

## SA Leader Becomes Campus President for the Day

Ever wondered what it would be like to be a college president? Student Association President Michael Cashman got to see when he and Dr. John Ettling, SUNY Plattsburgh president, recently swapped jobs for a day.



**Dr. John Ettling and Michael Cashman sign a MOU prior to switching places for a day.**

The day started with the two administrators signing a Memorandum of Understanding, affirming the notion of shared governance between the College administration and the Student Association.

"This was a great idea," said Ettling. "I had the opportunity to sit in the SA offices and meet and talk with student leaders. The SA is such a vital organization on campus, and the work the students do is important not only for the student population, but also for the entire college community."

Cashman said that the MOU and presidential swap were devised to reaffirm

the institutional bonds between the administration and the SA.

"The day's events afforded me the opportunity to meet with Assemblyman Ortloff to discuss issues directly impacting our students," said Cashman. "Assemblyman Ortloff and I discussed a range of topics but on the top of that list was a rational tuition policy for SUNY and his initiative for cell phone coverage on Interstate 87. The meeting was productive and resulted in the assemblyman considering adding a student advisory group to this team to address issues impacting their quality of life."

Cashman also thanked Ettling for the opportunity to exchange places for the day.

"I can only hope the Presidential Swap will become a tradition for years to come. President Ettling's willingness to meet the request for an MOU and swap was most appreciated."